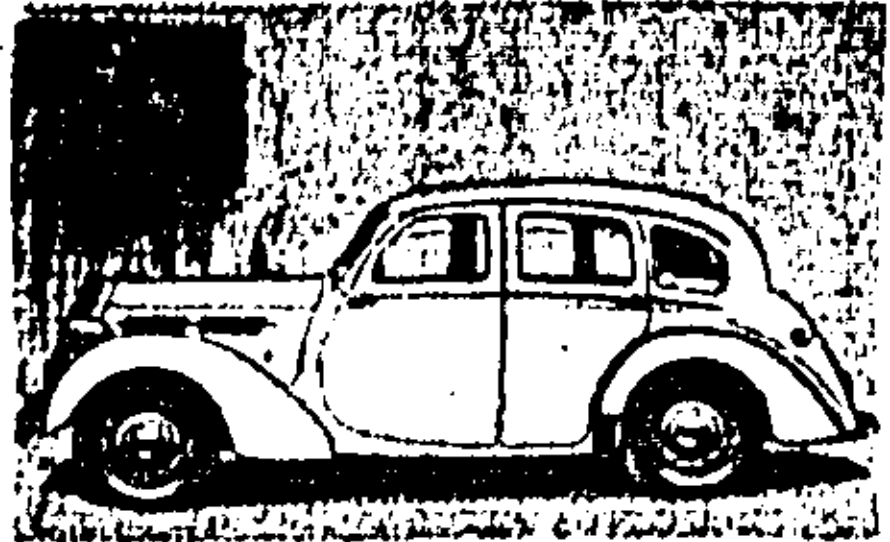


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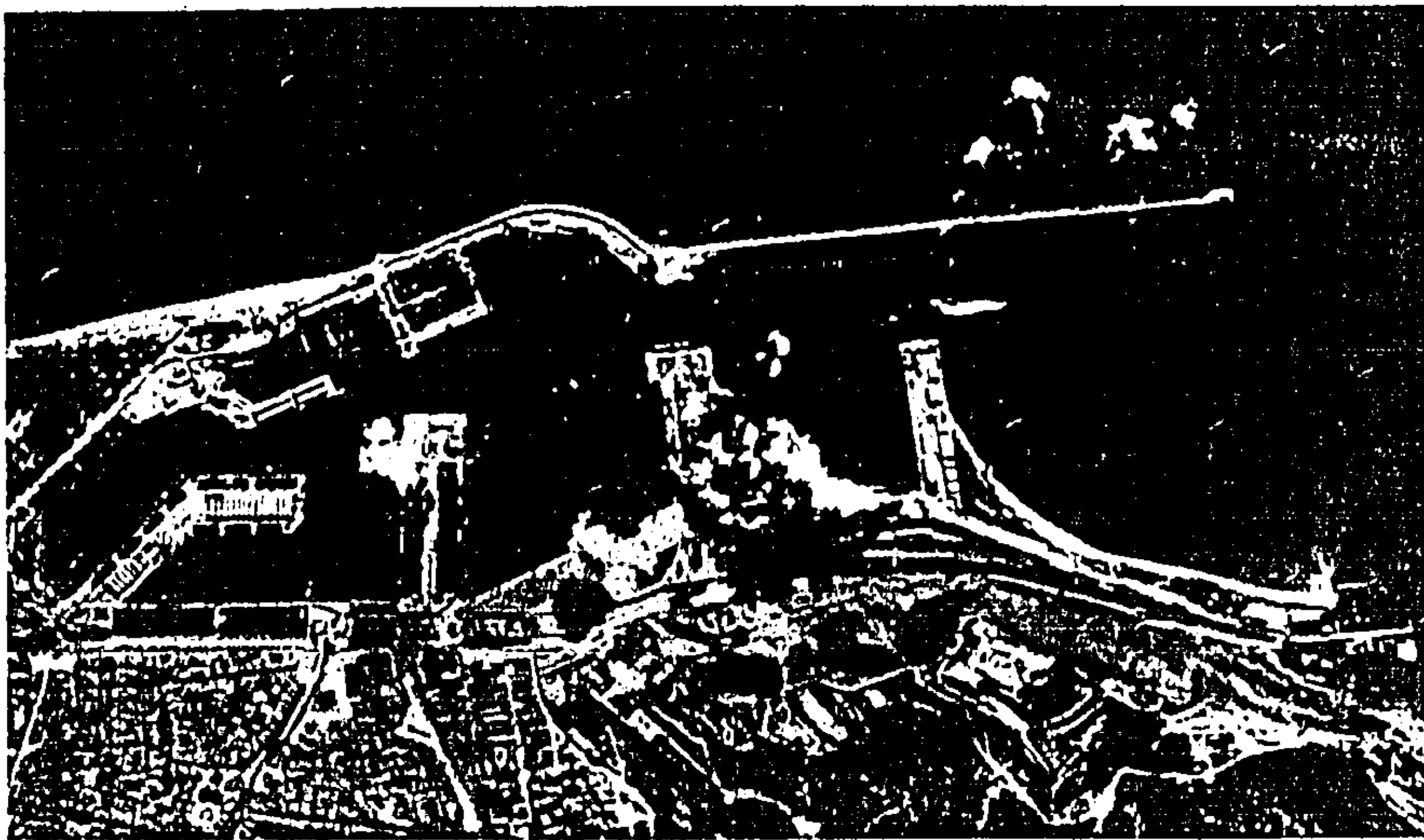
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COMMONS ATTACK ON DRUG POSITION IN FAR EAST



ATTACKED BY ITALIAN "Legionary" bombers, Barcelona, capital of Catalonia, photographed from one of the raiders, with bombs bursting on the quays and among shipping, and one ship making off to sea.

China Approaching 1939 With Confidence

LONDON, Dec. 22. "CHINA APPROACHES the new year with confidence, based not only on the impregnable position of the National Government, our leader, and the valour of the Chinese people, but by virtue of increased international readiness to help China," said Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, in an interview to-day.

JAPAN MAY RECALL AMBASSADOR

Resentment At Soviet Attitude On Fisheries

TOKYO, Dec. 22. JAPANESE RESENTMENT about the lack of conciliation on the Soviet side regarding renewal of the fisheries agreement is so strong that the recall of the Japanese Ambassador from Moscow, in case the negotiations fail completely, is believed not to be out of the question.

The "Kokumin Shinbun" claims that such a measure is being considered in Government quarters in order to stress the importance which Japan attaches to the protection of its fishing rights.

Ambassador Togo, following a conference between Premier Prince Konoye and other Ministers to-day, received a new set of instructions for immediate discussion with M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Minister. —Trans-Ocean.

Chamberlain's Visit To Italian Capital

Rome, Dec. 22. Mr. Neville Chamberlain's visit to Rome will be followed by a journey by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano to Belgrade. It is stated in diplomatic circles here.

It has already been announced that the trip of the Hungarian Foreign Minister to Rome will not take place until Count Ciano returns from Belgrade.

The Italian press has been stressing for some days past the desirability of closer relations between Budapest and Belgrade, and it is generally assumed that the visits of the two Foreign Ministers will be devoted largely to the realisation of this aim. —Trans-Ocean.

The reasons for supporting China become daily more formidable through Japanese depredations of British interests, added the Ambassador. The United States, by granting China credit and borrowing facilities underlined the spirit of financial co-operation, saying that this may well be only the beginning.

"I am gratified by the many indications, even definite steps, that Britain, with still more vital interests at stake than the United States, is now fully aroused to the menacing realities."

"Japan has over reached herself so conspicuously that even the most hesitant British business interests realise that only by China's triumph can the legitimate Western interests survive in the Far East."

"Now at this Christmas season, every Chinese feels heartened and happier by this development, added to the constant British benefactions for Chinese sufferers in the devastated areas."

I am confident that the new year will mark a turn of the tide in China's favour. —Reuter.

Representation On Suez Canal Board

London, Dec. 22.

The present national representation on the board of the Suez Canal Company is: French 10, British 10, Egyptian 2, Dutch 1, said the Secretary to the Treasury, Captain Evan Wallace, when questioned in the House of Commons to-day.

This representation compared with the previous Board comprising 20 Frenchmen, ten British, one Dutch and one German. —Reuter Special.

Empire Air Mail Disorganised

London, Dec. 22. Imperial Airways announce the severe weather in Western Europe and the Mediterranean, and the frozen intermediate parts of call in Central France have necessitated an interruption of air services, and therefore there will be some delay in mails to and from the Empire. —Reuter Special.

Home Of 'Turn Again' Whittington Destroyed

LONDON, Dec. 22. MANOR COTSWOLD, the residence of Sir Alan Anderson, M.P. for the City of London, was almost completely destroyed by fire to-day.

For centuries it was the home of the descendants of Dick Whittington.

The flames spread so quickly that Lady Anderson, who was trapped in her bedroom, only escaped by lowering herself from the bathroom window by a rope of knotted towels.

The Cheltenham fire brigade had a desperate struggle to reach the scene of the fire through a blinding snowstorm, and had to be three times dug out of snow-drifts. —Reuter Special.

Agreement No Longer Valid, Say Italians

PARIS, Dec. 22.

IT WAS STATED to-day that the Italian Government informed the French Ambassador to Rome some days ago that it regards the Franco-Italian agreement of January 7, 1935 as no longer valid, because it is no longer responding to the requirements of the situation.

It may be recalled that the agreement in question, which was concluded on behalf of the French Government by ex-Premier Laval on a visit to Rome, was intended to settle various problems outstanding between the two countries, including that of Tunisia.

Exchange of the ratifications of the treaty have never taken place, and the view was recently expressed in

3,000 Dens In Colony, Speaker Alleges

LONDON, Dec. 22. LIEUT.-COMMANDER R. T. H. FLETCHER (Lab.) raised matters in the House of Commons to-day on a motion for the Christmas adjournment arising from the report of the advisory committee on drugs at Geneva.

He reviewed the proceedings there, and asked what was the "vigorous action" being taken by the British Government in accordance with a resolution regarding the drug traffic passed at Geneva, which reiterated that the situation in China was deteriorating under Japanese influence.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher referred to the situation in Hongkong, where the local Government was unable to cope with the drug traffic.

He said there were over 3,000 heroin dens in Hongkong, and over 300,000 opium and heroin pills were consumed there daily, and there were 40,000 opium addicts.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher mentioned Russell Pasha's report, and said: "His allegations are in respect to the drug traffic in areas under direct and indirect Japanese control."

JAPAN UNDOING GOOD WORK

The speaker charged Japan with undoing the League's good work and of fostering illicit drug traffic throughout the world as an instrument of policy to promote the degradation of the Chinese. If those charges were true, he would like to ask the House how far we could call Japan a civilised nation.

"I had never had a very great admiration for the British slogan that trade follows the flag, but he preferred it to the Japanese slogan that drugs follow the flag."

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher quoted reports and figures in the course of a scathing indictment of Japan in connection with drugs.

Mr. R. A. Butler, replying, gave the House information derived by the Government from various parts of the Far East.

One very serious feature of the growth of the traffic was the growth in the use of heroin, which was far more serious to use than opium—itsself a terrible gripping vice.

After referring to the steps now being taken by the British and Japanese authorities in mutually communicating information regarding the proceedings and movements of persons known to be engaged in the illicit traffic, Mr. Butler said that although it might not give an immediate solution to a grave problem, it at least meant that we were in close touch with the representatives of Japan, and that thus we were able to illustrate the gravity we attached to the matter.

NOT DELIBERATE

Reviewing the position, Mr. Butler said that from information in the possession of Viscount Halifax, there was no evidence that the increase in drug traffic in China was the outcome of any deliberate plan on the part of the Japanese Government, or that it had now adopted a system of under-

LONDON, Dec. 22. SIR THOMAS INSKIP, Minister for the Co-Ordination of National Defence, has tendered his resignation to Mr. Chamberlain, according to the London "Evening News."

The Premier has refused to accept the resignation.

A statement from official quarters regarding Sir Thomas Inskip's intention to resign has not yet been made.

According to the "Evening News," Sir Thomas offered his resignation to the Premier in order to facilitate the eventual re-organisation of the Cabinet. —Trans-Ocean.

Ickes Speech Brings Strong Nazi Protest

BERLIN, Dec. 22. THE GERMAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES in Washington has made a demarche to Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, energetically protesting against the speech delivered by Mr. Harold Ickes on December 18, in the course of which he hotly criticised Fascism, Nazism and the European dictators.

In an inspired statement to the foreign press, the Charge d'Affaires described Mr. Ickes' remarks as "vulgar, invective, and defamatory declarations."

Well-informed circles consider the incident of Mr. Harold Ickes, whose anti-German speech has called forth an official demarche, merely as one of a series of events during the past few days exemplifying the stiffening of the American policy against the anti-Communist Powers, the other indications being the credits extended to China, and the food to be sent to Spain.

It is recognised that if all the members of the Cabinet expressed themselves as freely as Mr. Ickes habitually does, the Government would be embarrassed, but Mr. Ickes has a special position of being the "whipping boy" for the Administration, often saying aloud what other eminent members must reserve for their intimates.

Hence the Administration can turn over an apology to the Reich without hypocrisy. Moreover, members of the State Department are thoroughly linked by what they regard as the attempted sabotage of the Lima conference by totalitarian enterprises, and are not in a mood to conciliate those who are believed to be guilty of provocation elsewhere. —Reuter.

Iraq Exiles Five Opposition Chiefs

Baghdad, Dec. 22.

The Iraq Government to-day exiled five persons, including one former Prime Minister, to the interior of the country.

A number of opposition leaders were exiled to the same place several days ago.

The Government has thus taken up the fight against the opposition, which chiefly consists of former parties hostile to the present Government. —Trans-Ocean.

AIR RAIDS PRECAUTIONS Opposition Questions Measures

LONDON, Dec. 22. THE ADVANTAGES of the measures advocated by Sir John Anderson with regard to national defence and air raid precautions in the House of Commons yesterday, were called into question to-day on the motion for the adjournment.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab.) quoting Barcelona's experience, urged a deep tunnelling system under the streets, with tunnels 45 feet deep.

Viscount Wolmer expressed disappointment that no provision was made to use concrete instead of steel sheets, which had created enormous casualties in Barcelona. Barcelona had now adopted a system of under-

INSKIP OUT OF GOVT., SAYS REPORT

PLEDGE BY KOREANS TO GOVERNMENT

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22. THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S PARTY has issued the following message to the Chinese people, pledging support for the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and China's resistance to Japanese invasion:

"It is more than sixteen months now since China began to fight her war of resistance against the invasion of the Japanese militarists."

"The entire Chinese army and people, under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang, fighting with undaunted spirit, have not only smashed the Japanese

military's dream of a 'quick war,' but have also been able to take offensive measures, and achieved results in prolonged warfare."

"Japan has sent more than one million troops to China, invading from south and north and east with all her might."

"Innumerable cities have been destroyed by Japanese barbarism. But the opposition she met has greatly tired her, and she is now on the verge of collapse. Now mired deep in

LATEST

U.S. WON'T APOLOGISE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. Mr. Sumner Welles disclosed to-day that the United States had rejected Germany's demand for an official apology for the speech delivered by Mr. Harold Ickes on December 18, in which he denounced Fascism as a "crueller, if more refined, voodooism," and an ever-present threat to the United States, France and England.

Mr. Welles' statement to the German Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Thomsen, was couched in strong and uncompromising terms, which the United States rarely uses in diplomatic discussions with a friendly Government.

The exchanges have brought an extremely sharp and new strain on German-American relations. Mr. Welles told Dr. Thomsen that Germany's request came with singularly ill-grace and impropriety from a Government which so persistently permitted its controlled press and officials to attack American leaders, including President Wilson and President Roosevelt, and present members of the Cabinet.

He advised Dr. Thomsen that Mr. Ickes' remarks represented the feeling of an overwhelming majority of the American people, and said that the recent policy of Germany had shocked and confounded public opinion in the United States more profoundly than anything that had occurred in many decades.

He warned Dr. Thomsen that expressions of public indignation such as that voiced by Mr. Ickes were inevitable, and that Mr. Ickes' criticism of Mr. Henry Ford and Colonel Lindbergh was purely a question in which Germany could have no concern whatever, and which he could not discuss.

As long as German attacks on American officials continued, the American Government had no right to suppose attacks of the same character would not continue. —Reuter.

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the interior, she will be soon forced disadvantageously to fight decisive battles in mountainous regions.

"On China's part, her resistance is for national existence. Under such circumstances, the stronger will be her will to resist. With the entire nation determined to fight to the last, it is certain that the final objects, namely enemy—

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"TELEGRAPHS"
everywhere

Gracie Declines To Stop Being A "Comic"

Gracie Fields has no intention of adopting recent suggestions that she should stand for Parliament.

Before she sailed from Southampton for America in the Normandie recently she said:

"I could not wrestle with that department—my own job gives me all the wrestling I can manage. Anyway, I'm not a bit interested in politics."

"I SHALL CARRY ON"

"I have no desire for anything more than my job and plenty of good songs to sing," she said.

"I haven't even got a yearning to play any character other than my own—Hamlet included—and no long as I can go on being comic I shall be happy."

"As for making films in America, I like Americans very much, but my home and all my interests are here in England, so why should I leave them?"

"I shall just keep on carrying on as I am."

HER NEW PICTURE

Gracie is crossing to America to discuss with Darryl Zanuck and Monty Banks details of her new picture, "Sally of the Shipyards," in which the building of the new liner Queen Elizabeth will form the background.

She heard that her last film, "Keep Smiling," which Mr. Banks took to America with him a fortnight ago, has been accepted without a single cut.

Also aboard the Normandie were Marie Dietrich and Cary Grant, the Bristol-born Hollywood star.

Nurse, 'Mother' At 10

The 10-years-old daughter of a 24-years-old fisherman acted as little mother to a sister aged two and as a nurse to a bedridden grandmother. It was stated at Grimsby recently.

Charles Frederick Lodge was sent to prison for three months for neglecting his daughters, Gwendoline, aged 10, and Henrietta.

Inspector Cook said the mother of the children was dead and the father left them in the care of their grandmother, who was 65, and paralysed. Lodge was found to be living with a married woman at another address.

Lodge denied that he had been cruel. He said he was unemployed and had done what he could for the girls.

Fell From A Pylon . . .

THROUGH touching a "live" wire while working on an electricity pylon, Mr. F. Fisher, of Richmond-avenue, Letchford, Warrington, Lancashire, was thrown to the ground and was killed.

Generalissimo, and a brother-in-law of Dr. Kung?—Not to my knowledge. Mr. Percy William A. Munday, a Foreign Office official, said that the name of Chou Tin Shu had never been submitted to the Foreign Office as an official of the Chinese Embassy. The case was adjourned.

A VICAR HATED SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. L. Minchin, for many years superintendent of St. Gabriel's Church Sunday School, East Ham, now closed by the vicar, recently said "Good-bye" to the children.

The vicar (the Rev. Cecil Clark) believes that Sunday schools are "based on two fallacies," and says, "as a child I hated being forced to attend." With Miss E. Musto, who has been in charge of the girls for 24 years, Mr. Minchin shook the children by the hand and urged them not to forsake the church.

PARENTS MAY ACT

Some of the parents have decided to organise a petition to the Bishop of Chelmsford.

The vicar's plan is to replace Sunday school teachers by monitors in charge of "wards" and a head monitor.

After the vicar has instructed the children at a catechism service they will be questioned and awarded marks.

A seat will be allotted in the church to each child.

"NO PERSONAL DIFFICULTY"

"The change is in no way due to any personal difficulty between the teachers and myself," said the vicar. "It is the third church in which I have made the change. In any case surely the children have enough of school during the week."

Fried Chicken "In Rough"

Boise City, Ida. "Chicken in the Rough" is now being served in local restaurants, although it originated at Oklahoma City. It consists merely of chicken cooked in the usual way, but eaten without knife or fork. No holds are banned. Plenty of napkins are provided.

"Sister Act" In Divorce

San Francisco. Although unrelated, Mrs. Edith Arnett and Mrs. Winon Hodges played a "sister act" in Superior Court here. Each asked for a divorce from her respective husband, and each acted as the corroborating witness for the other. Both got interlocutory decrees.



Lord George Scott pictured with his fiancée, Miss Molly Bishop, outside the London nursing home where the latter has been a patient. As a result of Miss Bishop's illness the wedding has had to be postponed for a short while.

"Dummy Arms Cargo": More Evidence

MORE evidence about a "dummy consignment" was given at Bow-street recently when three men were charged with conspiracy to defraud the director of a Paris arms firm.

Frederick Wilmer, 50, metal merchant, of Tacklock-court, Tavistock-square, W.C.2; his son Jones, 24, Herbert Wilmer, 24, metal merchant, of Dorset House, and Dennis Michael Corrigan, 46, an agent, of Park-lane, W., were charged with conspiring with Chou Tin Shu and others unknown, to cheat M. Theodore Lafitte of £7,250.

They are further charged with attempting to obtain a further £4,000 from M. Lafitte.

STONES AND SHAVINGS

It was alleged that M. Lafitte was told that certain armaments could be obtained from Woolwich Arsenal and was shown fictitious documents purporting to come from the Chinese Embassy.

M. Lafitte agreed to buy 50 machine-guns and half-a-million rounds of ammunition, and paid £7,250.

When the goods arrived at Marseilles the cases were found to contain old stones and tyres, and wood shavings.

ARGUMENT IN FLAT

Leonard Joseph Myloski of Forburg-road, Stoke Newington, an export and import merchant, said he agreed to supply Corrigan with 550 cases of arms and munitions for China.

Later Corrigan said he wanted the cases for a dummy consignment as he suspected they were going to Spain. He said the correct consignment was already somewhere on the Continent.

Mr. Myloski said that he heard an altercation in Corrigan's flat between Shu, Corrigan and Frederick Wilmer. Frederick Wilmer seemed to want an explanation about his son's detention or arrest in Marseilles.

BY BANK OF CHINA

Mr. Andrew Altken, assistant manager of the Chase Bank of New York told Mr. Du Cann that the manager of the Bank of China introduced Shu to him.

Did he introduce him as a relative of Chiang Kai-Shek, the Chinese

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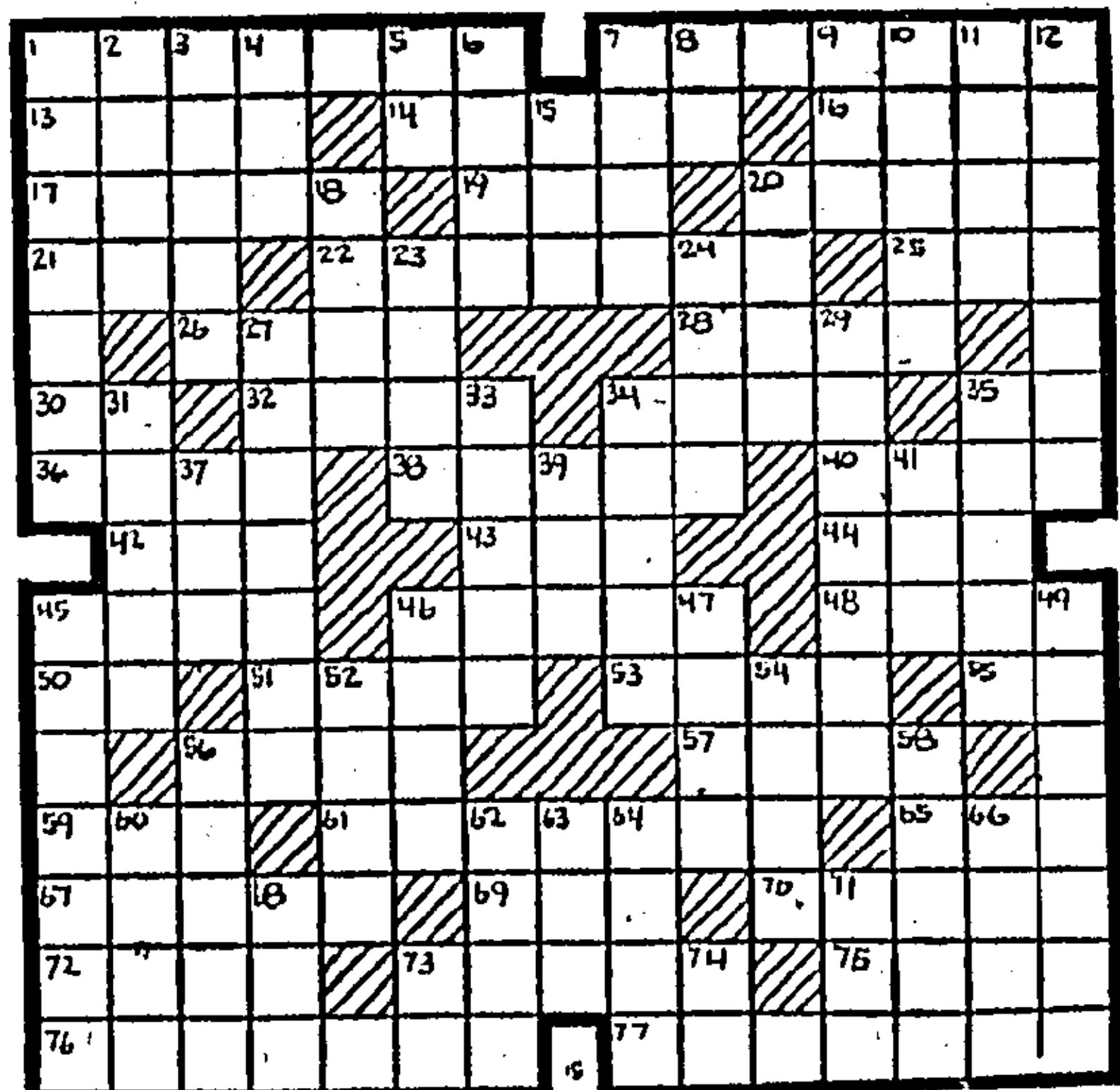
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ACROSS

- One of romance languages
- Extinct mammal
- Country of origin
- Pertile spot to desert
- Unit of surface
- Least people
- Civil War general
- Aquatic mammal
- Fishhook
- Part of radio
- Receiving system
- Produce with dimples
- Painful
- In the beginning
- Toward
- Stunning spot
- Lenient
- Twenty-two events
- Out of focus
- Performer
- Trivial
- Heroic deed
- Hearing organ
- Worthless leaving
- Tale
- Day of month
- Type of potato
- Parts of circumference
- References
- Editor (abbr.)
- Holler
- Performer
- This boy
- Body of land ir- rounded by water
- Bolt parts of paws
- Unit of resistance
- Gives notice to (drawing usual)
- Long
- Stop
- Collecting aid
- Collection of clans

DOWN

- Kind of paint
- Sacred Indian language
- First sign of sodas
- At all events
- Carriage
- Under name of
- Carpet
- First sign of sonnet
- Migrate
- Disaster
- Use eyes
- Use eyes
- Devices for moving boat
- Tidy
- Acquire
- Hawk-like birds
- Person in charge of domestic affairs of ship
- Walk on
- Make message sound
- Prized
- Square between thumb and forefinger
- Drift
- Grass
- Perfect score
- Enthusiasm
- Snow vehicle
- Drink excessively
- Articles of furniture
- Arctic
- Cricket
- Likeless
- Overflow
- At this place
- Small solids
- Inter particulars
- Give oblique position to
- Wind instrument
- Straight piece of wood
- Piece of cloth
- Prefix: good
- Note of scale



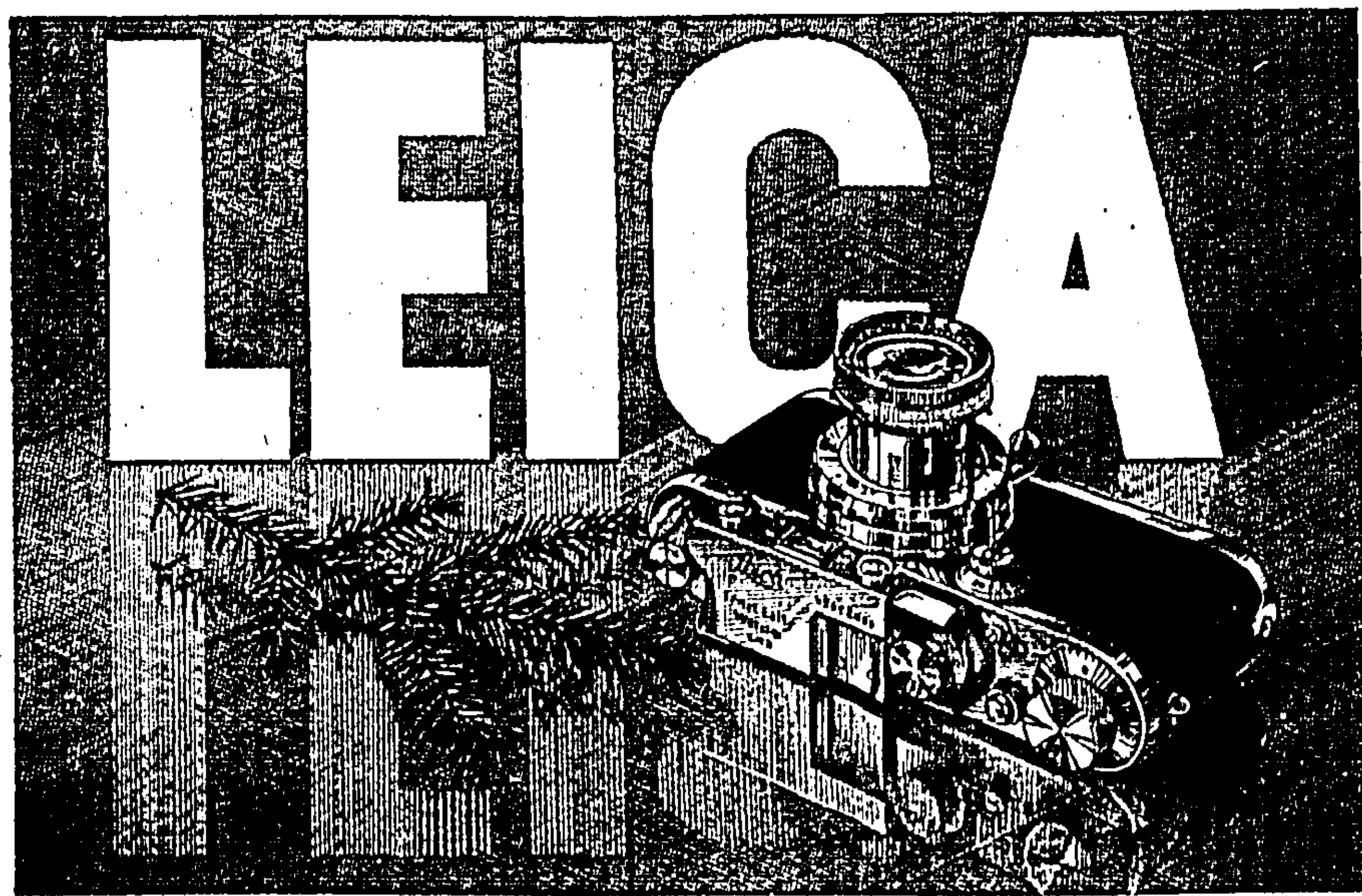
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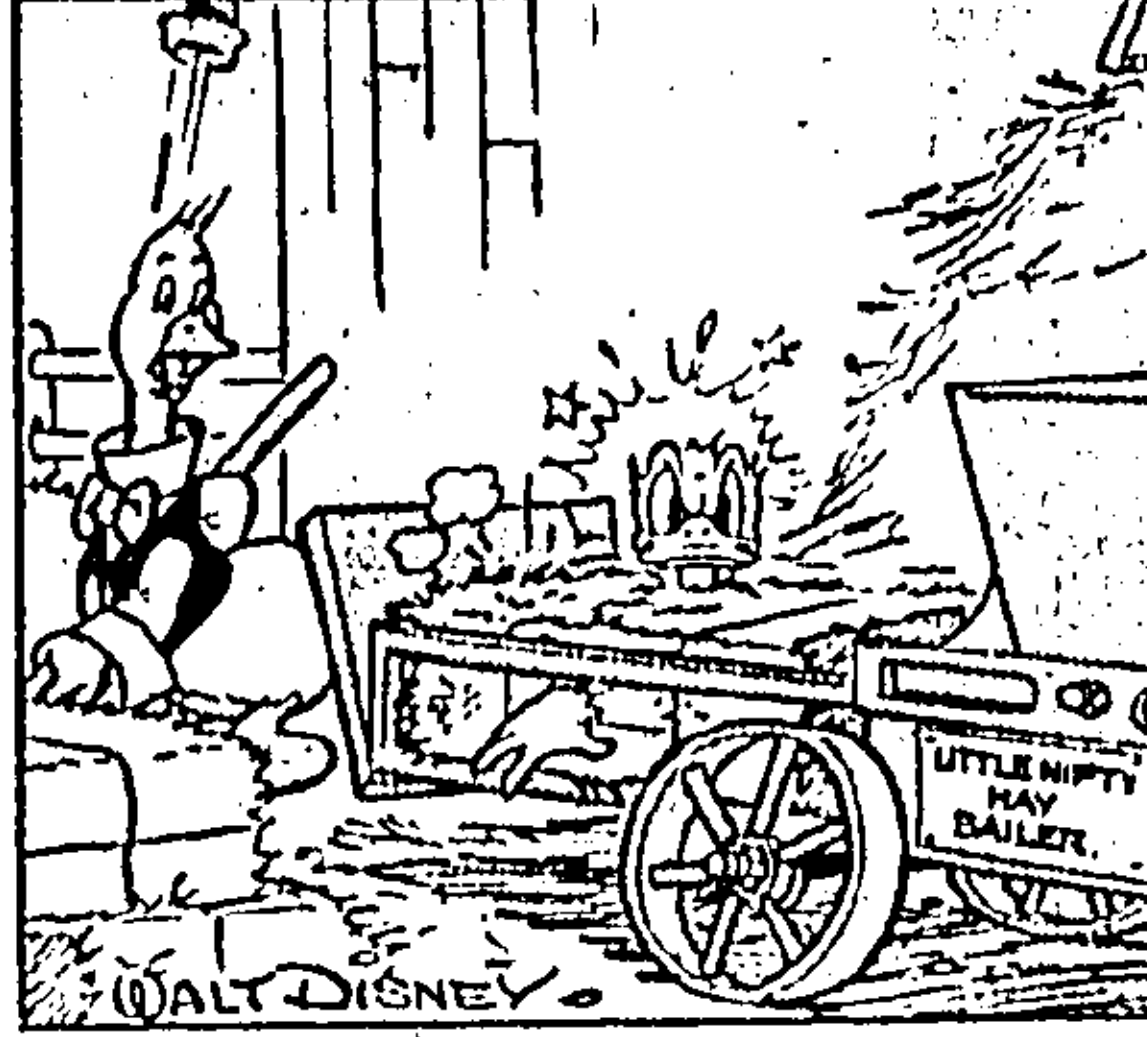
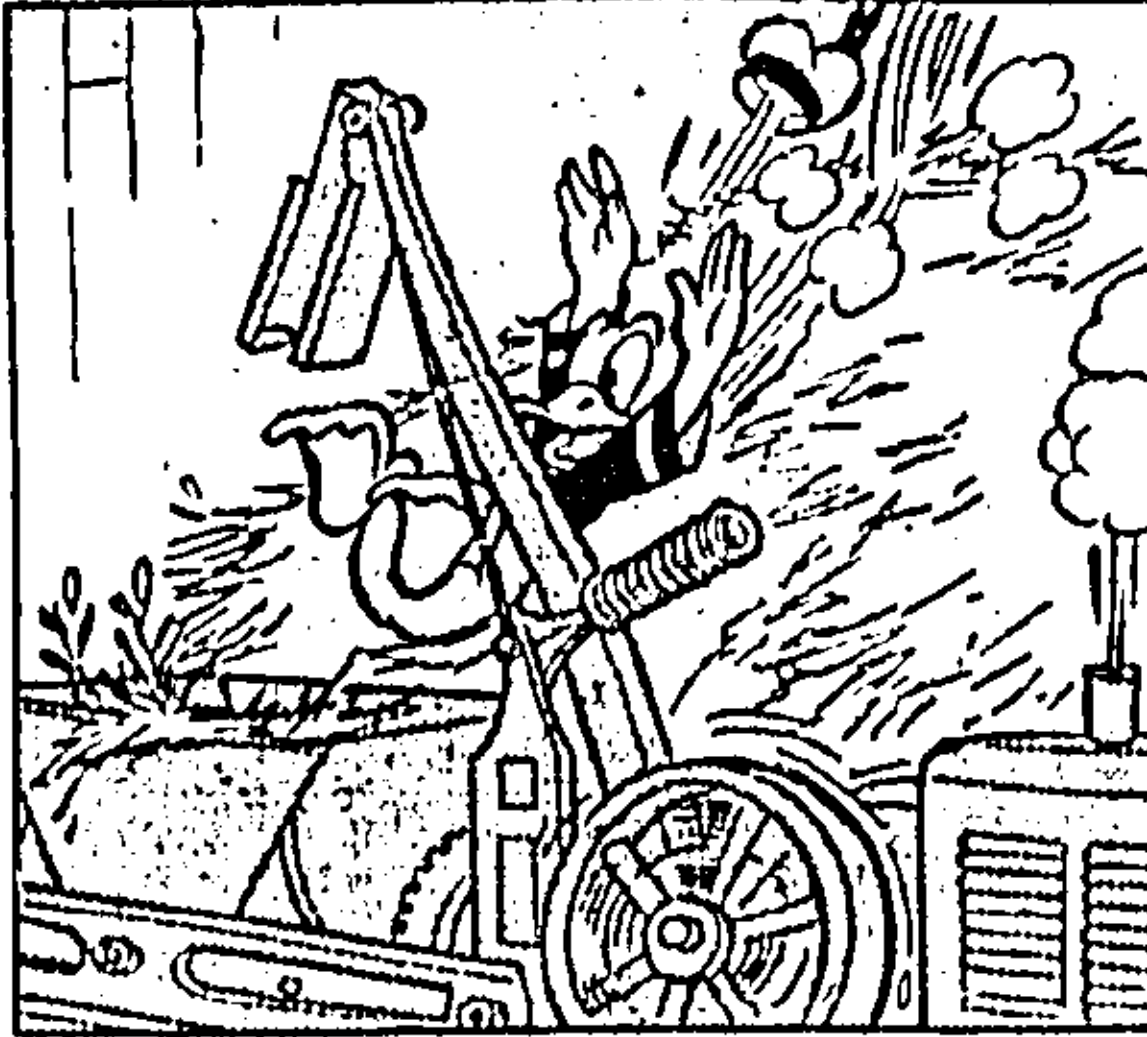
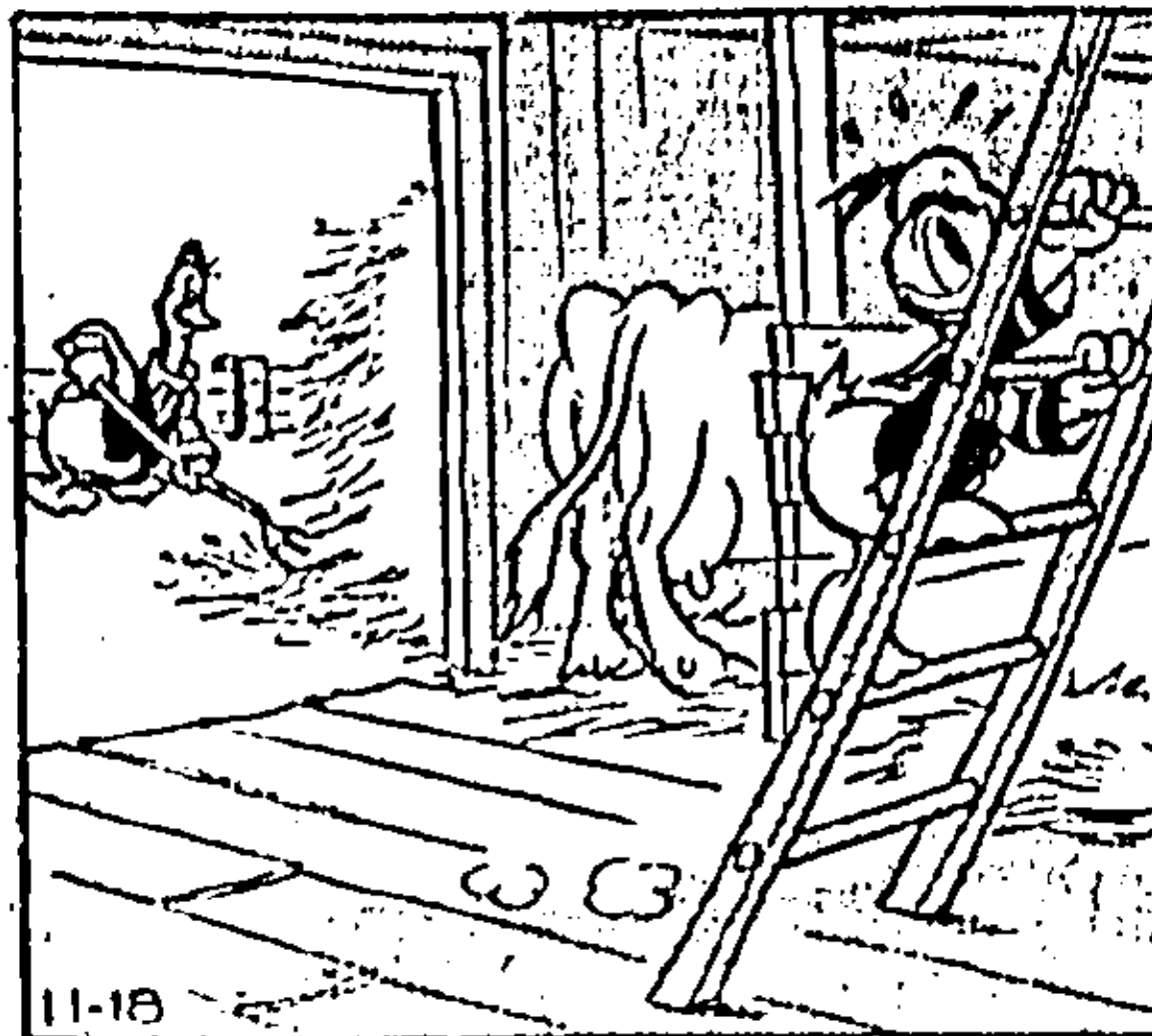
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DIVANS
RAIDEDKowloon Keepers To
Pay The Penalty

Raid by Revenue Officer E. T. Warden on opium and heroin divans in the Yau Ma Tei District on Wednesday, resulted in the arrest of several Chinese, on whom heavy fines and terms of imprisonment were imposed when they appeared before Mr. E. H. Hingworth at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Chan Cheung of 66 Tai Nam Street, was fined a total of \$450, in default of eight months and seven weeks, when he admitted keeping a heroin divan, possession of 128 pills, and possession of heroin pipes.

Fines totalling \$310, in default of a term of eight months imprisonment were imposed on Sam Shing of 68 Tai Nam Street, on charges of keeping an opium divan, possession of prepared non-Government opium, possession of 314 heroin pills, and possession of heroin pipes. He was also sentenced to a further six months without the option, for keeping a heroin divan.

Yu Tip of 301 Reclamation Street, was fined a total of \$260 or seven months when he admitted charges of keeping an opium divan, possession of 14 mace of prepared non-Government opium, and possession of heroin pipes and 174 heroin pills. He was also sentenced to six months for keeping a heroin divan.

Mo Chan, of 33 Po Kong Road, was fined \$130 or four months in default, on two counts of keeping an opium divan, and possession of prepared non-Government opium.

Chan Tai, of 43 Po Kong Road, was fined \$110 or four months in default, on charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of 2 mace of prepared non-Government opium.

Fong Kan, of 203 Tai Nam Street, admitted charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of 2 mace of prepared non-Government opium. He was fined \$110 or four months imprisonment.

Fines totalling \$160 were imposed on Ho Kam, of 291 Tai Nam Street, when he admitted having kept an opium divan and possession of 1.3 mace of non-Government opium. In default, he will undergo three months and one week.

For possession of non-Government opium and keeping an opium divan, Au Yung-fong, of 622 Reclamation Street, was fined \$160 or four-and-a-half months.

Yu Fook, of 623 Reclamation Street, was fined a total of \$210 on charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of one mace of opium, in default, five months.

For keeping an opium divan in 843 Canton Road, and possession of 17

HONGKONG SINGERS

Concert Practices To
Resume Shortly

The regular weekly practices of the Hongkong Singers have been interrupted over the holiday season, and will be resumed on Monday, January 9, at 5.30 p.m. in the Union Church, Kennedy Road, as usual. It is hoped that present members will resume attendance in force, while a hearty welcome will be extended to any new members who may care to join in the work of the Society.

The next big concert by the Singers will be given towards the end of March. The programme will include "Rio Grande," a setting of a Sacherell Sitwell poem by Constant Lambert for Piano and Alto soloists, Chorus and Orchestra; Dyon's "In Honour of the City," for Chorus and Orchestra, the words being part of a 16th century poem by William Dunbar in praise of London; a setting of Milton's ode, "Ring Out, Ye Crystal Spheres," for Chorus and Orchestra, by Dr. Harold Darke; and Parry's well-known "Blest Pair of Syrens." Copies of the Lambert and Darke works may be obtained from the Tsang Fook Piano Co., where there are also a few copies of Dr. Dyon's work to be had. Past members of the Chorus who have no further use for their copies of the Parry setting, are asked to hand them in for sale or loan to present members to Messrs. Tsang Fook. A great deal of time has already been spent on the works to be performed, and it is confidently expected that the Singers' next concert will worthily uphold the standard and traditions which the society has already established.

Eagles Raid Turkeys

Payson, Ariz.
To some the American eagle is a noble bird, but to Mrs. Will Cohen it is no better than a vulture. Eagles intrude upon Mrs. Cohen's large turkey flock even more than do coyotes, swooping down swiftly to seize turkeys before there is time to stop them with either gun or dog.

mace of non-Government opium, Li Tung was fined \$180, or five months.

Ng Pak, of 845 Canton Road, was fined \$120 or four months for keeping an opium divan and possession of 4 mace of non-Government opium.

Leung Man, of 65 Shanghai Street, was fined \$180 or five months for keeping an opium divan and possession of 1.3 mace of non-Government opium.

Mr. Hingworth ordered the confiscation of all drugs and paraphernalia.

HEROIN PILLS

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on So Ping, 19, unemployed, by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for possession of 299 heroin pills at Hillier Street. He was also recommended for banishment.

"CINDERELLA" OPENS

Christmas Pantomime At
European Y.M.C.A.

Only the limitations of the stage prevented the presentation of Cinderella by the Y.M.C.A. players last night from being a first-class production.

Acting honours went to the Two Ugly Sisters (Robert Henderson and Willie Simpson) whose clowning was far above anything else, except the performance of the juvenile dancers. Cinderella (Eva Turner) gave the best song of the evening in Funiculi Funicula, next in order being the Oh Foolish Fay, sung by the Fairy Godmother (Helen Lockhart).

Tribute should be paid to the witty dialogue which was not fully appreciated by the audience. Stage settings, especially the transformation scene, were worthy of better performances by some members of the chorus. Mention should be made of the difficult task of Muriel Smith, as The Prince, who was unfortunately miscast.

The whole production was rendered with a swing which is seldom seen in amateur shows, the five dancers of the chorus being the chief driving force.

More might have been made of the Proclamation (Jack Boomer) who in his few appearances was always convincing. Criticism can be made of the last but one song of the show, which was out of place.

The juvenile chorus gave the best multi-part of the evening in the mock Cinderella scene in the last act, though the only clamours for encore from the audience were ignored.—A. W. S.

JAMES AGATE
LIKES TO GET

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lady reasonably like Miss Mae West with a talent for closing one mascara'd eyelid and ejaculating a provocative "So what?"

LET me conclude with a word about Christmas cards. If anybody wants to send me one, let it not be a photograph of a distortion by Modigliani or Matisse. Send me, I pray you, a view of a country church half-buried in frosted snow through which villagers are making their way without disturbing the robin redbreasts hopping about the foreground.

LONG TOW
ENDSSirdhana Arrives With
Japanese Trawler

An eventful 500-mile tow was completed when the B.I.S.N. Company's steamer Sirdhana arrived in Hongkong early yesterday morning. At the harbour limits a tug relieved her of her charge, a large Japanese fishing trawler, and she came to her berth at Kowloon two days behind schedule.

Bound from Singapore, the Sirdhana was just south of the Paracel Islands when the launch was noticed, flying a flag beneath a basket to indicate that she was in distress. She was wallowing helplessly in a fairly heavy sea, and a bad list to port made it appear that she had taken some water aboard.

A line was first flung to her on a lifebuoy, but this did not hold and the Sirdhana then fired a rocket line aboard, being successful against a difficult wind in one shot. However, no-one on the trawler spoke English and it was so difficult to reach a mutual understanding that the captain of the trawler at last decided to come on board the Sirdhana and did so by swimming the few yards between the two vessels.

It was then possible for Captain P. Fairbairn, of the Sirdhana, to learn of the trawler's mishap, but only through a complex, amusing system of interpretation. Captain Fairbairn spoke in English to the commander, who passed his words on in Chinese to a Chinese cook, the only other on board who could speak Chinese, who then spoke to the trawler's captain in Japanese.

It was learnt that the trawler, Fookwing Maru, a motor vessel, was from Zamaut, Formosa, which it left on December 2. Three days before the Sirdhana had sighted her at 8 a.m. on Monday she had broken her crankshaft and had since been rolling helplessly. She had on board a catch of 30,000 lb., consisting mostly of great garoupa weighing up to 250 lb.

Bits Carried Away

The two vessels proceeded quietly for four hours, when a stop had to be made for some adjustments, and for the rest of Monday and all Tuesday there was no interruption and the Sirdhana hoped to make Hongkong by Wednesday afternoon. On Wednesday, however, the sea got up and in the forenoon the bits holding the line on the trawler carried clean away.

To make a new line fast in the heavy sea was a ticklish task and it was after 3 p.m. before the two

VALEDICTORY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tracy
Leaving To-day

Leaving to-day by Empress of Russia, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tracy, accompanied by their daughter Helen, sever a long connection with the Far East.

In 1906, Mr. Tracy joined the old Standard Oil Company in New York, and in 1911 transferred to Singapore. Since then he has been manager at Penang, Assistant Manager for Straits and Dutch East Indies, and Assistant General Manager at Hongkong, in which capacity he has been Acting General Manager during the greater part of the past two years. Although yet under 50, he is leaving under the Company's plan permitting retirement after thirty years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy will join their son, who is at school in America, and will probably settle in the eastern part of the United States.

Following a round of private farewell parties, Mr. Denis Blake entertained them at a cocktail party at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Tuesday evening, when in the presence of a large number of guests Mr. M. V. A. Croucher on behalf of the members presented a memento in the form of nautical symbols mounted on a blackwood stand.

On Wednesday evening the Executive Staff of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company entertained at dinner at the American Club, when in the company of nearly a hundred guests Mr. and Mrs. Tracy were presented with a pair of silver trays suitably engraved, and a travelling case, all the gift of his business associates.

ships were again under way. With hope of making port before nightfall came, the Sirdhana reduced speed and no further incident occurred before her arrival in Hongkong.

Informing that the captain of the Sirdhana had appealed for a tug, the Japanese Consul-General had a tug sent to meet the ship at the harbour limits. He has informed the owners in Formosa of his action and whether they will arrange a tow to Formosa or seek to have repairs effected in Hongkong is not yet known.

Several of the Sirdhana's passengers who wished to catch the Carthage at Hongkong for Shanghai were a little concerned at the delay, but they were in time to make the connection. Otherwise they rather enjoyed the unusual happening, one passenger lamenting because his cinecamera chose to jam just when the best pictures were available.

The Sirdhana leaves early this morning for Japan.

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6.14 Record: Frailie Romeo (Carlton); There's Only Five Bullets in My Old Six Shooter (Roberts); Hob Mullin and His Guitar.

6.21 (a) Where in the world, (b) Santa Claus is comin' to town (c) I've got a date with a Dream (d) Don't cross your fingers, Cross your heart.

6.35 Record: Cinema Memories... Organ Solo by Quentin M. Macleod.

6.44 (a) Moonlight and Shadows, (b) Volga Boatman Swing, (c) Tonight we love, (d) China-Town.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations. 7.02 A Spanish Programme including songs by Conchita Supervia and Suite Iberia (Albeniz).... Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos; Senir Gilano (Moro-de Aquino-Munoz Arenillas); Un Barberillo Alegre (Medina-Villa-Prado).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra; Danza-Espanola-No. 6 (Granados).... Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos; Goyescas-Intermezzo (Granados).... Pablo Casals ('Cello) with Piano accomp. by N. Medakoff; Lamento Borincano (Hernandez-Art. Brito).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra; La Rosa Oriental (Espigul).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra.

7.40 Tino Rossi (Vocal) and Orchestra Mascotte.

Souvenir De... Mona Lisa-Waltz (Schubert); Idylle-Passionelle-Waltz (Razigade).... Orchestra Mascotte; Il Existe Une Blonde (Gardoni-Chavolt); Paname-Ville D'Amour (Gardoni-Chavolt).... Tino Rossi (Vocal) with Orchestra; The Last Letter-Waltz (Reggiov); Twinkling Light-Waltz (Medakoff).... Orchestra Mascotte.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Next week's programme.

8.08 Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Patricia Rossborough, Harry Crouson, and Barnabas von Gezey and His Orchestra.

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Crouson (Organ) with Ken Beaumont (Vocal); Vocal-No. Strings (from 'Top Hat'); Isn't This A Lovely Day—(From 'Top Hat').... Ginger Rogers with Victor Young and His Orchestra; Orch.—Southern Sides (Kunneke); Red Lips (Kolscher).... Barnabas von Gezey and His Orchestra; Vocal—Pick Yourself Up—Fox-Trot (from 'Swing Time'); Never Gonna Dance (film 'Swing Time').... Fred Astaire accomp. by Johnny Green at the Piano; with Johnny Green at the Piano; Piano—Dream Too Much—Selection; Limerick—Selection.... Patricia Rossborough; Orch.—Free And Easy (Porschmann); Gipsy Wine (Ritter).... Barnabas von Gezey and His Orchestra; Vocal—Gertrude Lawrence Medley.... Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano) with Orchestra; Orch.—Silliana (Apollonio); Blue Sides (Rixer).... Barnabas von Gezey and His Orchestra; Organ and Piano—By The Waters Of Minnetonka (Lieurance); Bird Songs At Eventide (Eric Coates).... H. Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough.

9.00 London Relay—"Food for Thought."

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 Three songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

When Song Is Sweet (Sans-Souci); Father O'Flynn (Graves arr. Villiers Stanford); Rocked In The Cradle Of The Deep (Willard and Knight).... with Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Bochetini-Concerto In B Flat Major.

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10.15 London Relay—"Under The Red Duster."

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11.0 Close Down.

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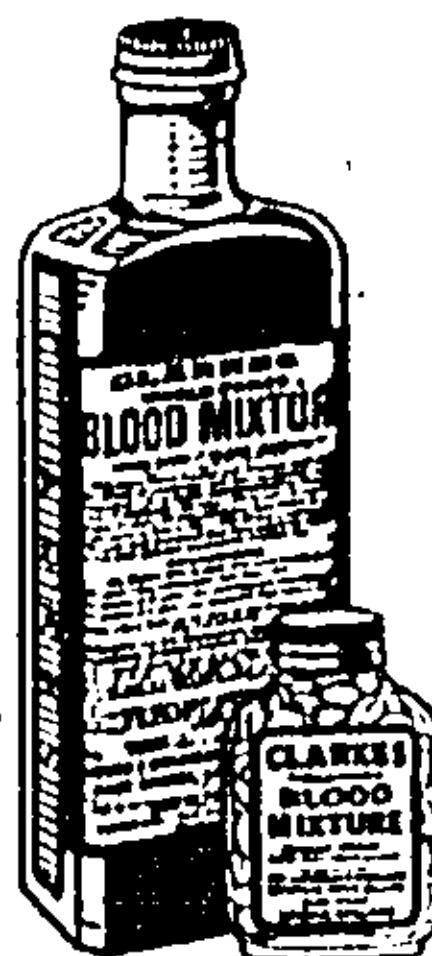
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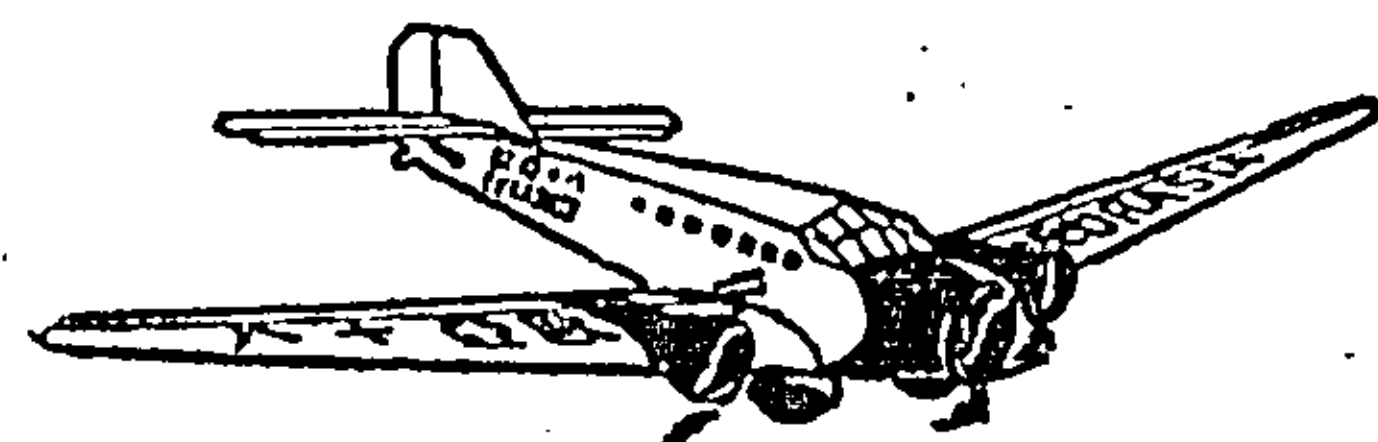
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TRICK ALLEGED

Defendant States Story Complete Fabrication

Charged with obtaining \$19,000 from a widow by a confidence trick, Li Hei-ting, master of the Yu Hai Leung Import and Export Firm, Connaught Road Central, appeared at the Criminal Sessions, yesterday.

His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, who returned from furlough on Wednesday, was welcomed back by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jr., who was instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva for the prosecution. Mr. D. J. N. Anderson was instructed by Mr. G. S. Hughes-Jones for the defence.

Complainant in the case was Chiu Li-tze, widow, of No. 18, Village Road, and the alleged trickery took place in December.

The following Jury was empanelled: Messrs. G. A. Lawrence (Foreman), S. K. Heiberg, F. M. Garcia, E. A. Noronha, D. L. Ballantine, Lim Kim-chong and Au Chung-yue. An objection to the Chinese members of the Jury by defendant was disallowed by Sir Atholl. The reason given was that they may have been known to the complainant.

In his opening, Mr. D'Almada said complainant's husband had died ten years ago and left her \$100,000. About December last year she obtained a loan on certain shares to make up the sum of \$20,000 for a Canton firm in which she was interested. This was eventually not required, and she found a sum of money on hand with nothing to do with it. She then instructed a man named Choy Ling-shui, whom she had known for several years, to inform her if there was any property for sale, as she wanted to invest the money.

This broker later introduced her to Li Hei-ting, who was alleged to be the owner of No. 1 Morrison Hill Road. A certain amount of bargaining for the property took place, the price finally being brought down from \$25,000 to \$19,000.

Complainant agreed to buy the place after inspecting it, and was told to go up to 63 Connaught Road Central with the money to complete the sale. Complainant took the money along accompanied by her daughter-in-law. She met defendant at Connaught Road Central, and was asked if she had brought the money. She replied that it was in her purse.

Taken to Bank

Li then told her that it would be safer for him to take charge of the money, as she would have to give

it to him sooner or later. On leaving the premises, the party went to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, as Li told her the deeds were in his safe deposit box.

On arriving at the Bank, complainant and her daughter-in-law were told to wait outside. After about 20 minutes, defendant failed to return, and complainant returned to the shop in Connaught Road Central.

On seeing Li two weeks later, she was told to wait for the money, and that if she went to the Police she would not get it back.

She had visited Li's office many times later, but when she could not locate the broker Choy, a report was made to the Police, and Li was arrested on November 18.

Chiu Li-tze, in evidence, said that she had not taken action earlier because she had trusted the broker Choy, and she had hoped to get the money back from Li later.

Mr. Anderson then said that the only sum of money owing to her was \$900, a gambling debt which was lost by Li to her at a fan-tan game at his house. This was denied by Chiu, who said she never gambled.

It was further suggested that she had lost \$3,000 by gambling, and that she had pressed Li for the \$900 throughout 1938. This was also denied by witness who said she had never gambled with Li.

Other evidence was called, and then defendant testified. He said he met complainant last year through a person named Li Sze-ko. Chiu had played mahjong with his concubine, and often the game was changed to fan-tan.

Li said he had never told Chiu that he was the owner of No. 1 Morrison Hill Road, and there was not a bit of truth in the accusation that he had taken \$10,000 of her money. The whole case was a complete fabrication, and the reason was because Chiu had been living extravagantly and had lost a lot of money in gambling. The case was being brought to account for the loss of her money to her family.

Hearing was adjourned until this morning.

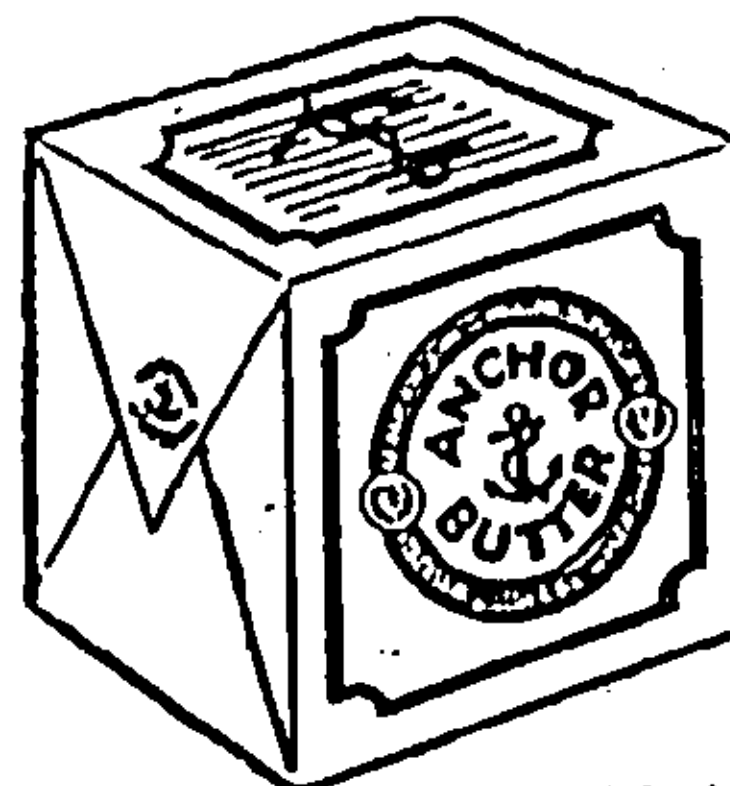
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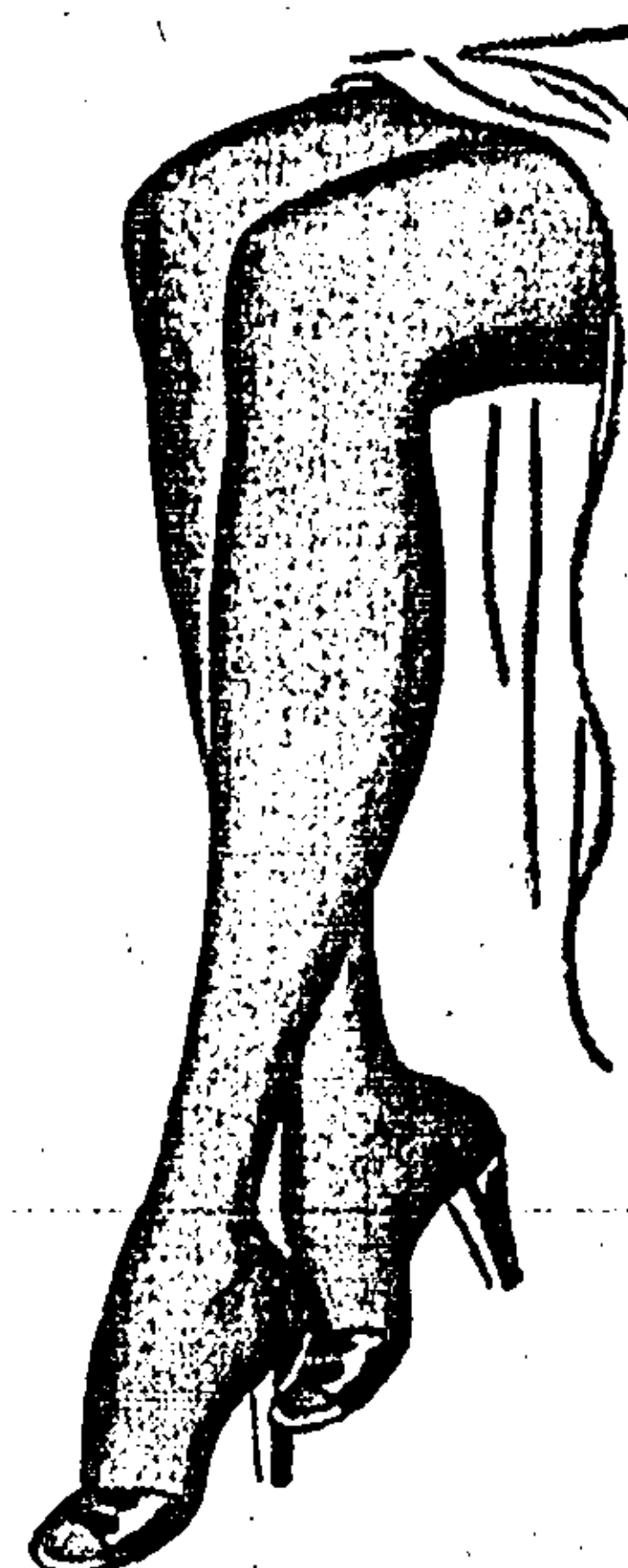
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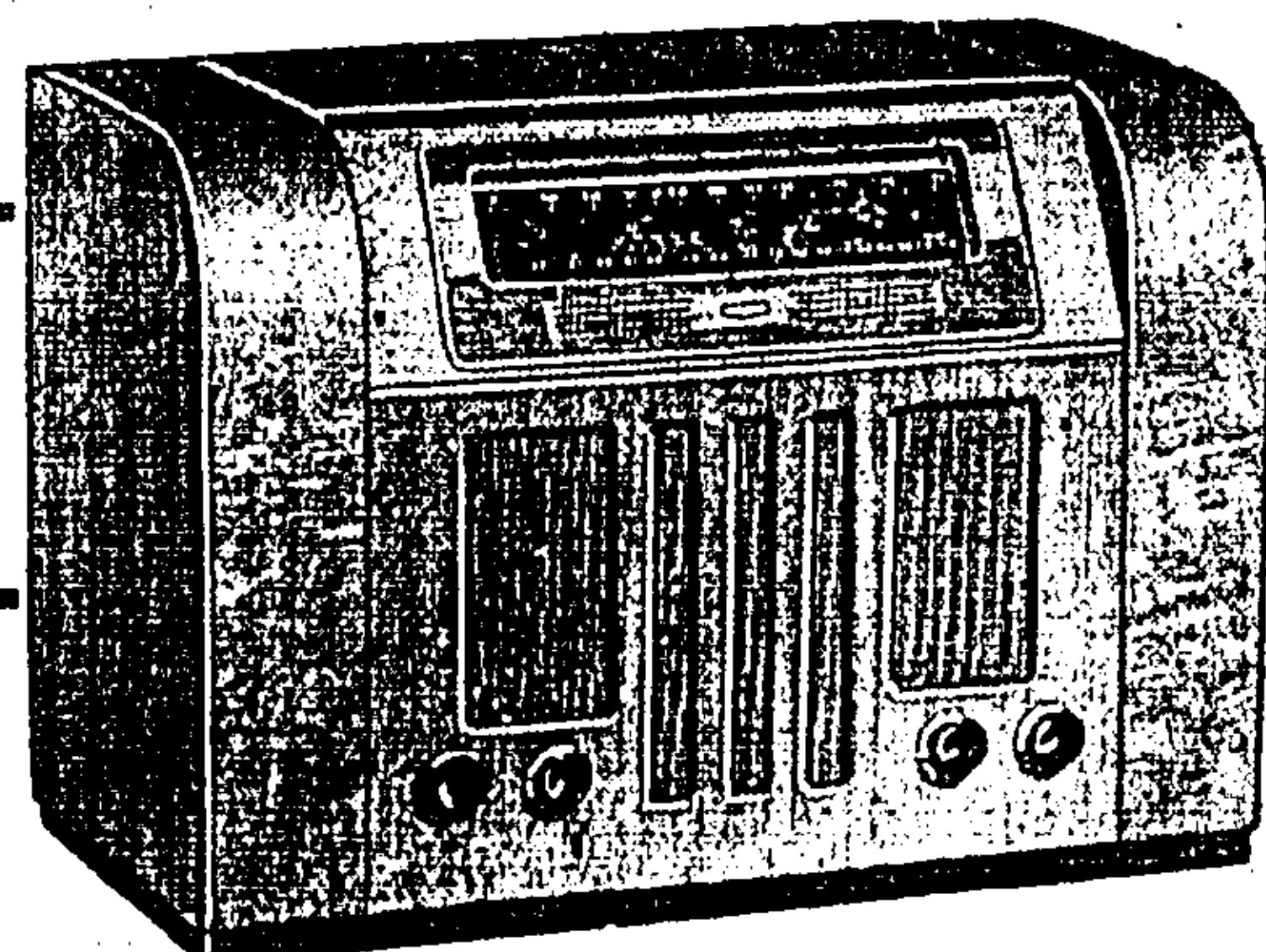


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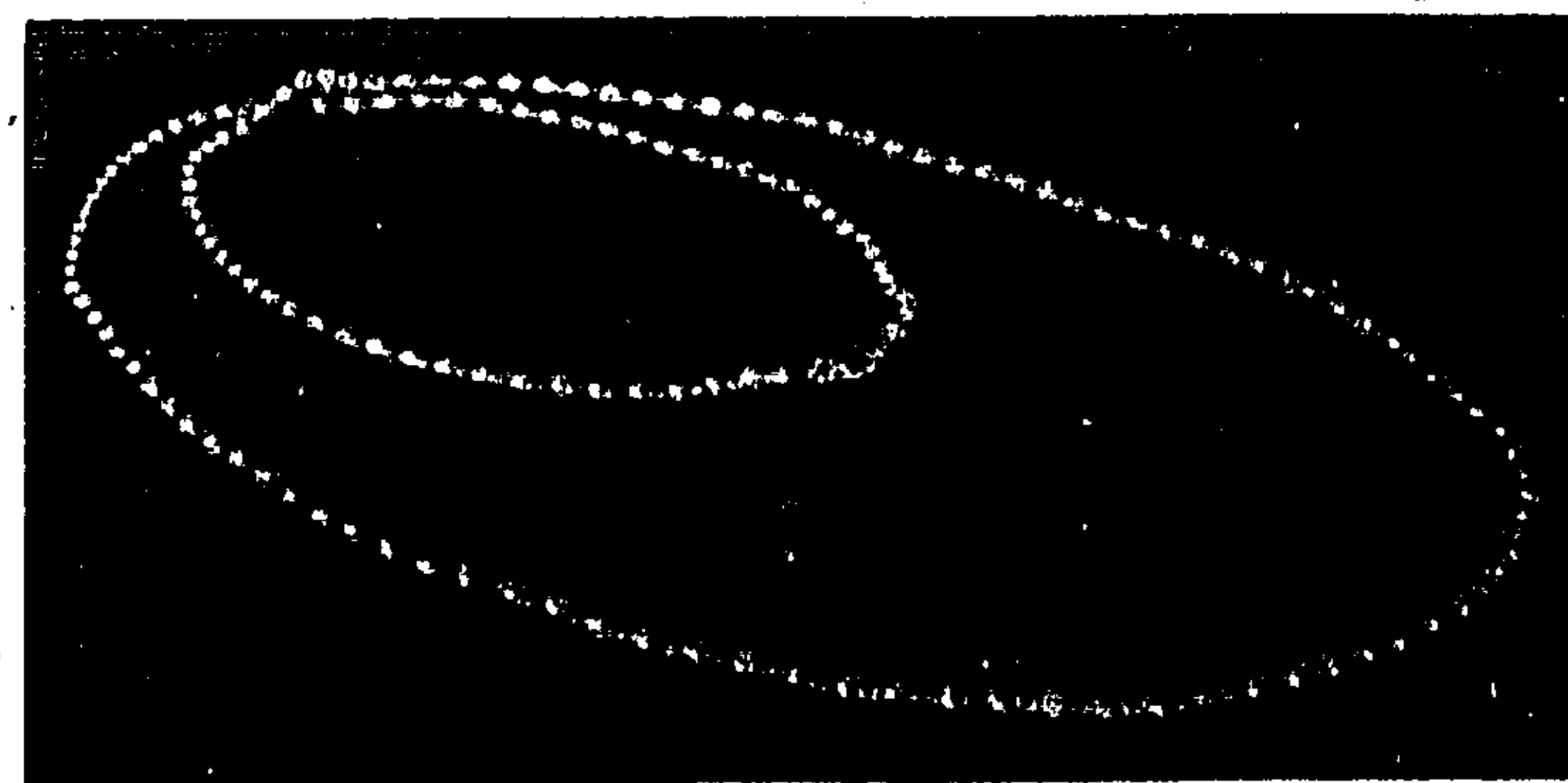
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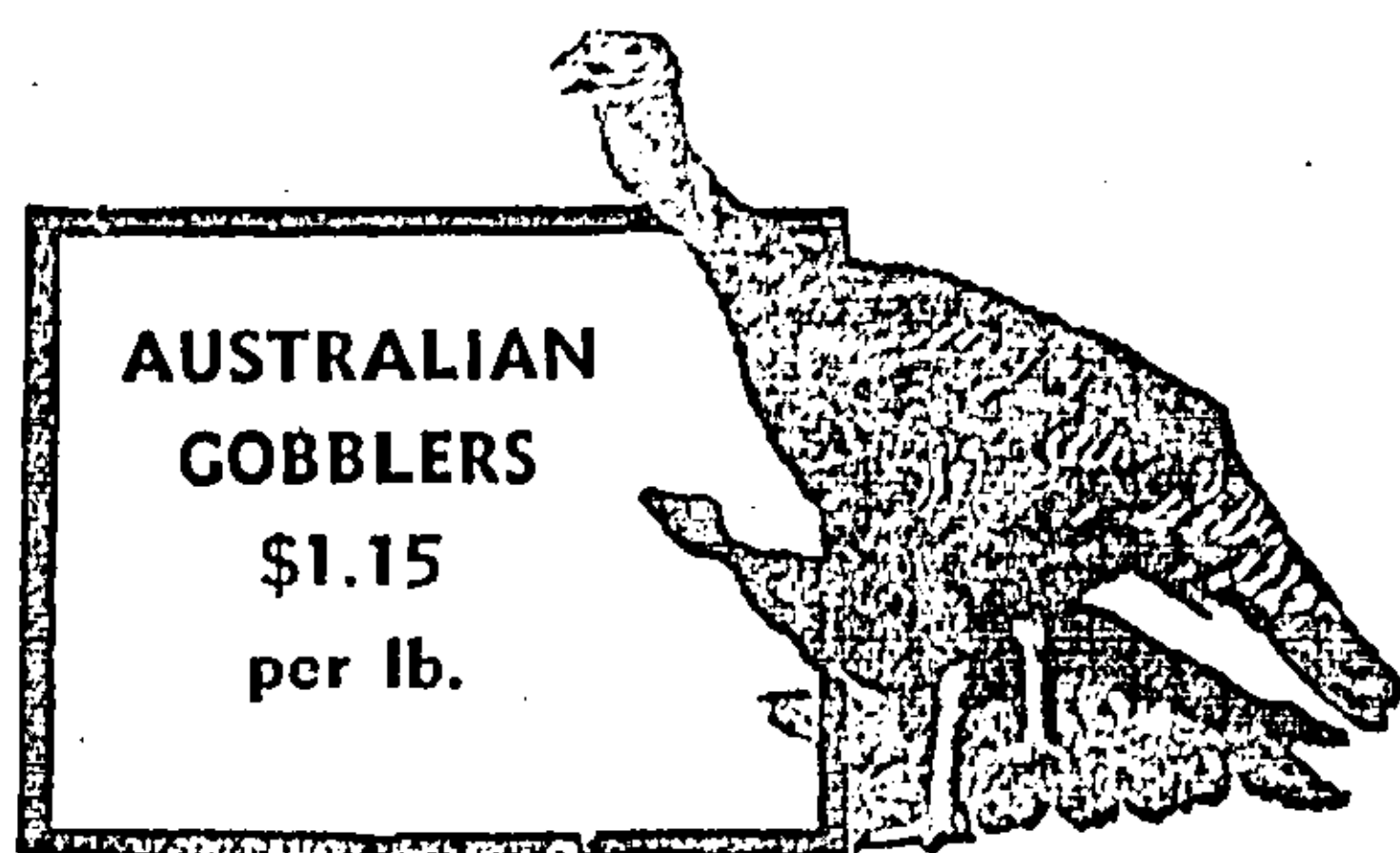
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One was found in a field with a tree growing through it. The tree had to be cut down before the car could be removed.

In spite of the dull weather, a large crowd watched the start in Hyde Park and cheered the cars as they left the starting-post, without one failure.

Hundreds of modern cars lined the roadway, bright and luxurious, compared with the early pioneers, over many of which were umbrellas to shelter their drivers from the rain.

Captain G. E. T. Eyston drove a 1903 Mercedes, and received a special cheer as he left the starting line.

Kaye Don was at the wheel of a De Dion Bouton of the same year.

In pouring rain another large crowd greeted the arrivals at Brighton and watched them parade along the front.

SPEED LIMIT

Gold medals were presented by the Mayor of Brighton (Councillor J. Nanson) to the 93 successful drivers.

Speed limits from 10 to 18 m.p.h. were imposed according to the age of the cars, and special awards were given to the winners of each group.

These winners were: E. L. Wood (1896 Leon-Bollee); F. S. Rowden (1898 Star); J. Swift (1901 Panhard); R. W. Hutton-Stott, jun. (1903 Lanchester).

Auto "Victim" Disappears

Louisville, Ky. Miss Peggy Hennings reported to police that she struck a woman with her automobile but could not find the "victim" when she stopped a few feet away. She said a man who witnessed the accident told her to drive on—that the woman was a friend of his who didn't want any publicity.

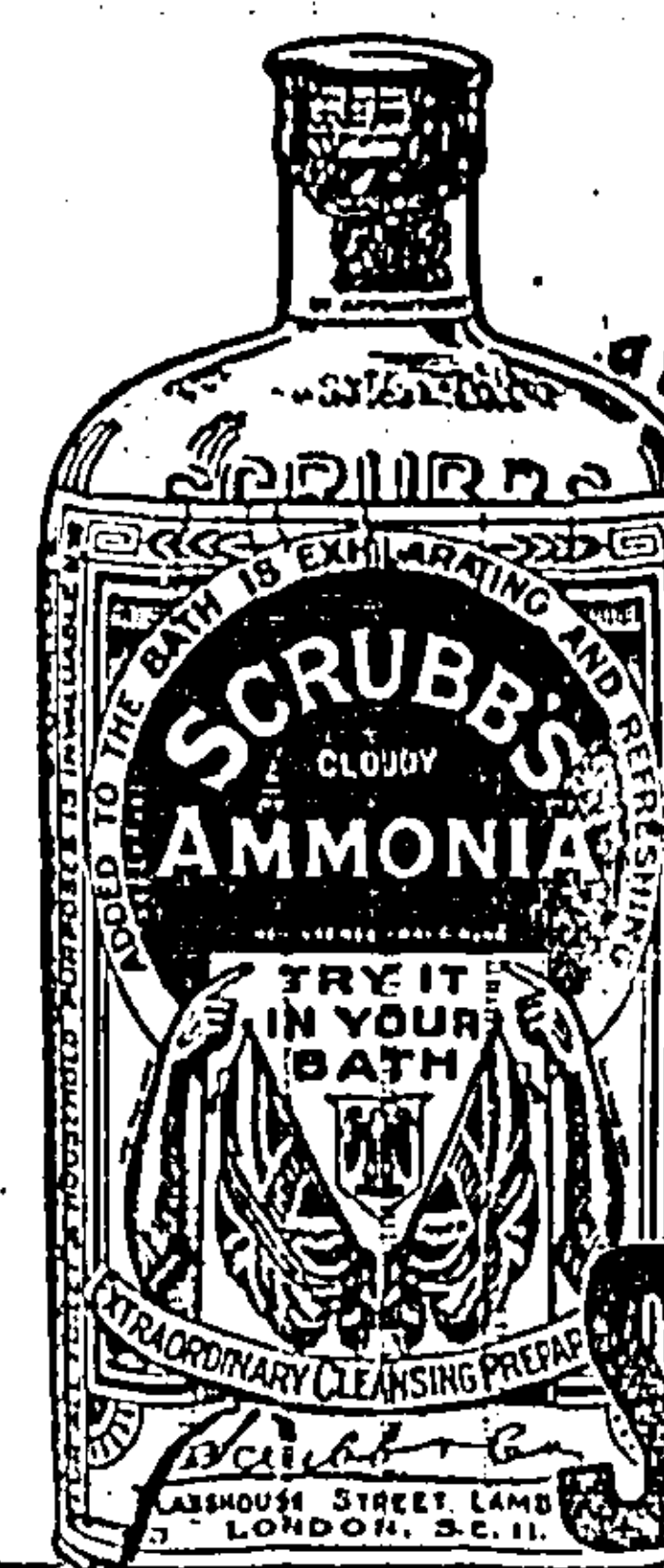


Mr. Sommerfeld and Mrs. Pearce have a talk after the second racing event on Saturday.—Pictorial News.

Visas For New York World's Fair

New York. Foreign visitors to the New York World's Fair 1939 must obtain a non-immigration visa, good for six months. This period can be extended upon official approval. Federal authorities and immigration officials will make a close check-up to be sure all the 500,000 foreign visitors expected at the Fair return to their native lands at expiration of their visas.

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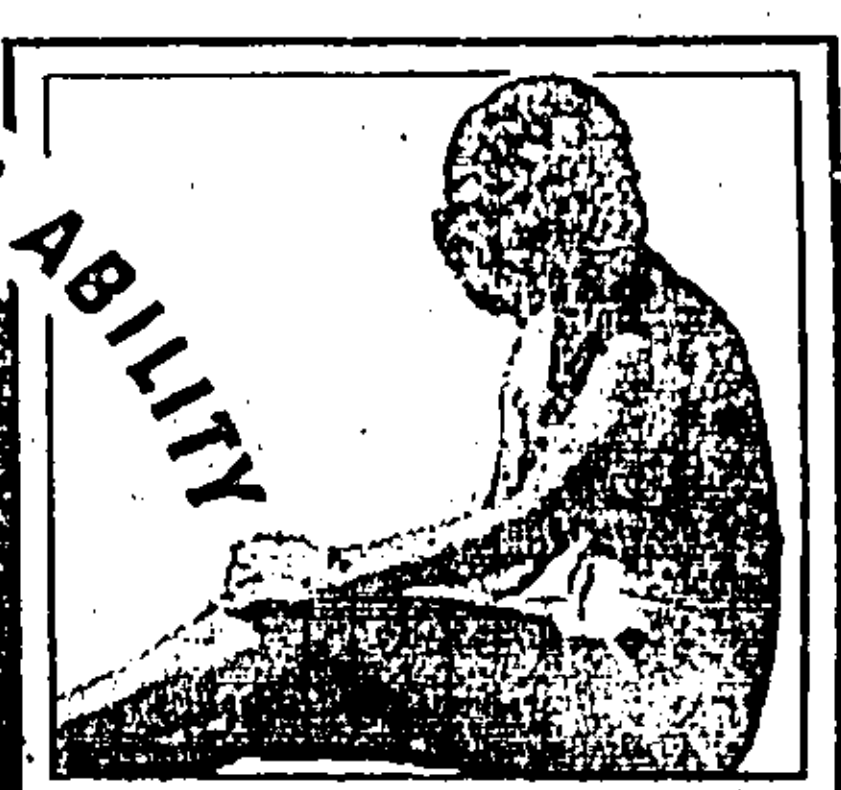
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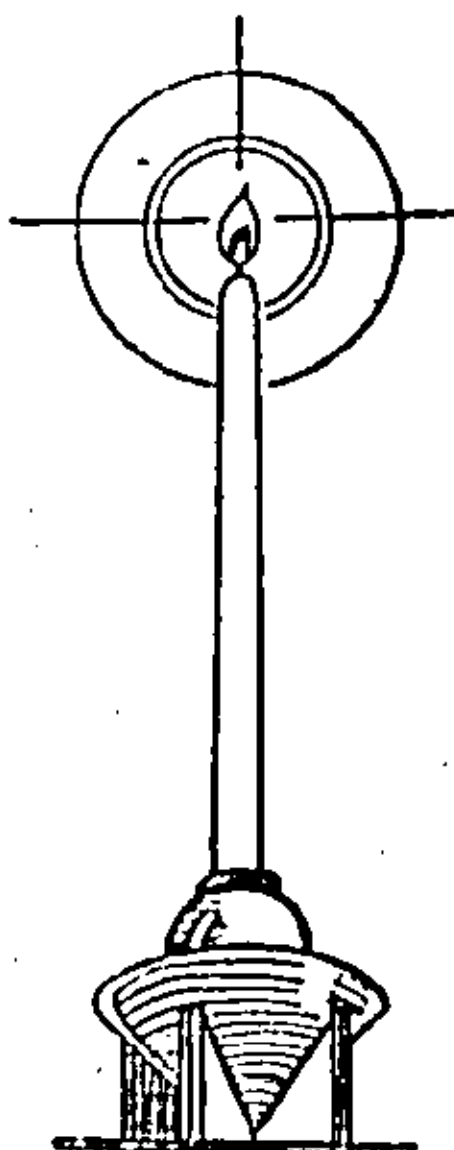
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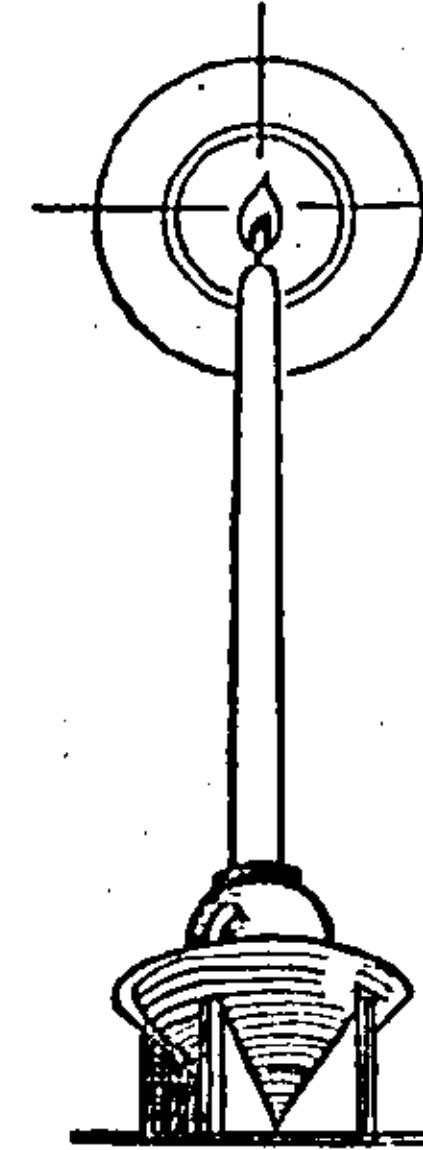
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But Once A Year

WHAT A FESTIVAL is
Christmas! The Divine
Birth being its source and in-
spiration, it has gathered to it-
self all the love and tenderness
of childhood and of motherhood.

The simple gospel story has
given its setting and circum-
stance—the Mother, the Child,
the manger, the cattle, the
shepherds, the Magi and the gifts
—these in their course down the
ages have gathered round them
an aura of tenderness and senti-
ment, with their own benignant
ritual and song.

Christmas stockings, bells
and carols, roast goose and
turkey, little fir-trees, mistletoe
and holly—all these and much
else Christmas has gathered to
itself.

The season in which it has
fallen adds to its strength by
contrast; the festival shines out
like the cheerful windows of an
inn midway along the dark road
of the winter, where there is
warmth and company and re-
freshment. The sober reality
may be a Hongkong heat-wave,
but in the ideal Christmas of
our childhood the ponds are all
ringing with strong black ice,
there are four inches of snow
upon the ground, powdery and
fine, with the fields buried deep
below the dazzling mantle.

The fireside is a seasonable
pleasure which our ancestors set
at its true value and which our
more travelled generation is apt
to misprize. Especially, is it a
pleasure and a benefit, when it
unites the family group round
its most ancient altar, the
hearth, at the festival dedicated
time out of mind to the child,
the mother and the family.

Thus Christmas gives to man-
kind these beautiful homilies of
kindness, hospitality and the
giving of gifts, of charity, of
friendship, and of family love.

Life would be a sadder pil-
grimage without it, and after
the trials which have afflicted
our Homeland these last few
months, and the tribulations
through which our great and
friendly neighbour is passing,
we hope it will bring a rich mea-
sure of blessing and consolation.

CARLYLE! thou shouldst
be living at this hour:
Christmas hath need of
thee! For the old dyspeptic
being our first authority on
clothes, would probably in-
struct us wisely in the mat-
ter of Christmas presents.

Mention of the old gentle-
man, and the hidden reference
to two of England's major poets,
set me wondering: what pre-
sents at Christmas, or the pagan
New Year, one would have
wished on say a dozen of the
earth's greatest. Here are a
few of my fancies:—

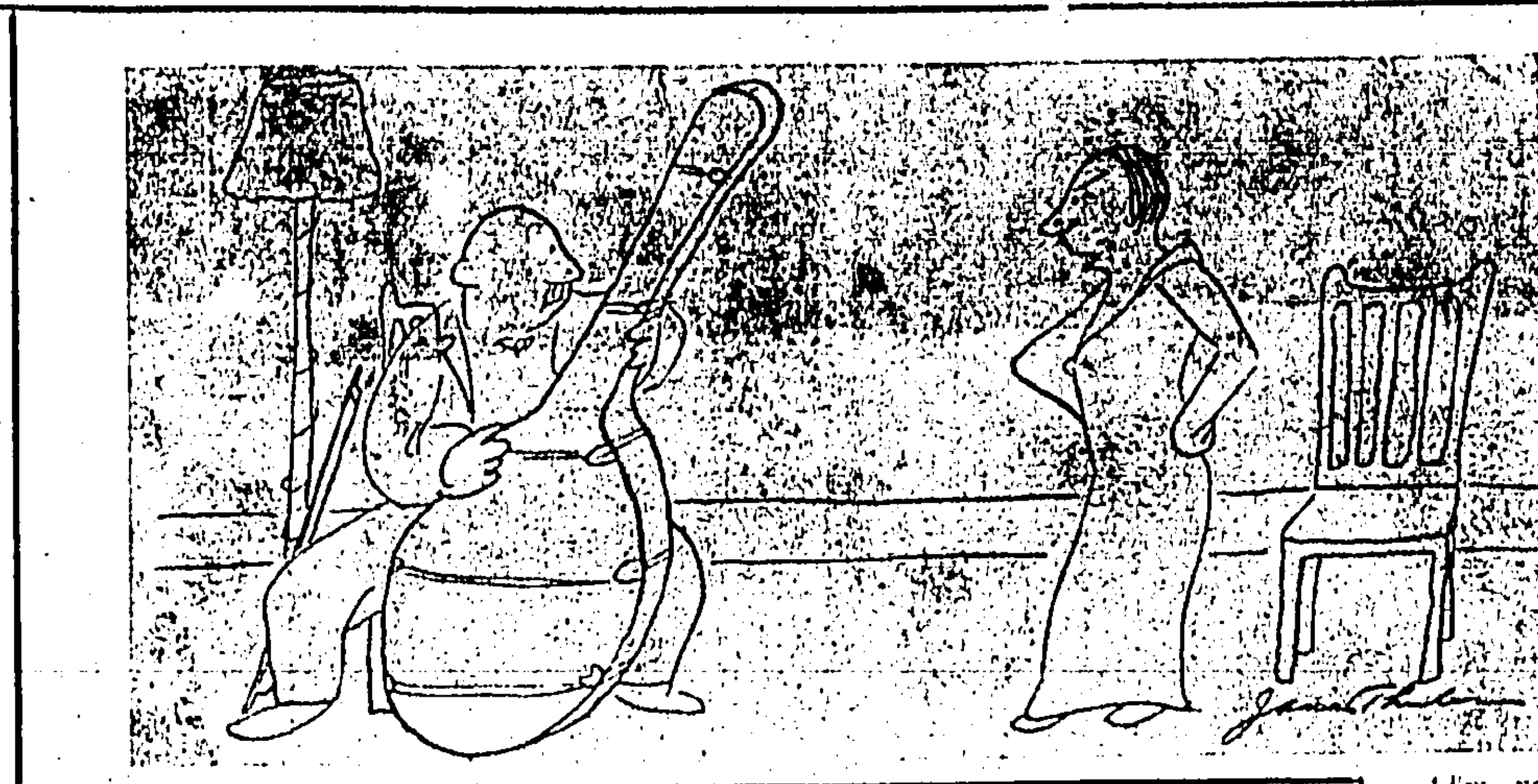
1. Carlyle—A new digestion.
2. Milton—Restored eye-
sight.
3. Wordsworth—Daffodils.
4. Alexander—A new world
to conquer.
5. Cleopatra—Pearls and
some vinegar.
6. Mr. Pepsy—Knowledge of
his future fame.
7. Henry VIII.—Another
wife.
8. Horace Walpole—A fresh
scandal.
9. Marat—A lock for the
bathroom.
10. Napoleon—A change of
warders.
11. Florence Nightingale—A
new lamp.
12. Dickens—Time to finish
"Edwin Drood."

Then what about people living
to-day? Here I suggest:—

1. C. B. Cochran—A wow.
2. Greta Garbo—A passage
home.
3. The ex-Kaiser—A tin
sabre.
4. Mr. (Hore-Belisha—Toy
soldiers.
5. Mr. Thomas Farr—14lbs.
more punch.
6. Mr. Littlewood—A swim-
ming pool.
7. The Japanese—Sanity.
8. Any Spaniard—Ditto.
9. The English Cricket
Team—Guts.
10. Gracie Fields—Another
"Sally."
11. Strube—Another twenty-
five years.
12. Gordon Richards—A Der-
by winner.

I COME now to the most
important principle in
the matter of Christmas pre-
sents. They must be useless.
Here is a list of useful presents
for which I, personally, should
say "Thank you very much,"
and then immediately dismiss
them from mind:—

1. Radio licence.
2. Bed socks.
3. The Works of Longfellow.
4. Gramophone record of the
Quins.
5. Garden roller.
6. Loofah.
7. Bulbs for window-boxes.
8. Skid-chains for motor-
car.
9. Horse-muzzle.
10. Beetle-powder.
11. Asparagus tongs.
12. Goloshes.



"I'm not going to
put up with one of
those things, so you
might as well not
unwrap it."

James Agate likes to get USELESS Christmas presents

What I do want and am
yearning to possess is:—

1. Pair of budgerigars.
2. Blackpool Tower in cork.
3. Smoking-suit in purple
corduroy with tangerine
lapels.
4. Tie-press in mother-of-
pearl.
5. Tortoiseshell walking-stick
and celluloid buttonhole
for evening dress.
6. Pagoda for poodle.
7. Poodle for pagoda.
8. Silhouette of Marlene
Dietrich in seaweed.
9. Portrait of Abraham
Lincoln in wool.
10. Hookah.
11. Howdah for white ele-
phant.
12. Model of National
Theatre.

BUT the people really
to be considered are
the kids. Here the rule is that
they must be given things
which fire the imagination. The
bitterest moment of my boy-
hood was when a hard-won
First Prize for Proficiency in
Science turned out to be Dar-
win's "Formation of Vegetable
Mould through the Action of
Worms."

But let me begin with the
tots. Never, never, NEVER
talking of an island called
Den was:—

For I'm a man of the world,
A man of the world am I!
I cherish an undying admira-
tion for the late Macdonald
Hastings. For many reasons,
though one golden sentence
must suffice. This occurs in his
"Memoirs of a Child." Mac is
talking of an island called

give children children's books.
Dr. Johnson knew about this, as
we see from Mrs. Piozzi's
"Anecdotes":—

"Babies do not want to hear
about babies; they like to be
told of giants and castles, and
see." "Westward Ho!" "Tom
of somewhat which can stretch
man Ready," "The Last of the
Mohicans," "King Solomon's
Mines," "Treasure Island," and
anything by Jules Verne.
From fifteen to eighteen the
Heart of Midlothian," "David
Copperfield," "Vanity Fair,"
"The Cloister and the Hearth,"
"Adam Bede," "Barchester
Towers," "Many Inventions,"
"Kipps," and "The Old Wives'
Tale."

THE same thing applies
to plays for children.
When I was a child the kind of
pantomime I liked was the
grown-up sort. I doted on one
in which the Principal Boy, at-
tired in tights and top-hat
slapped her thigh and sang a
rousing ditty of which the bur-
den was:—

Herm, where he used to spend
the summer holidays with ten
brothers and sisters. Herm
was of all islands the most
glorious, the most glorious
of all being Jethou, "which
we all thought must be
much better than Herm because
there were only two houses on
it." Now comes my golden
sentence: "The next year we
went to Cromer or some stink-
ing hole!"

Woe to the parent whose off-
spring should write in later
years: "We all wanted to go to
'Cinderella.' But father in-
sisted on taking us to 'The Glass
Slipper' or some stinking fan-
tasy!"

But to return to our books.
Here the matter is largely one
of age. Boys up to the age of
twelve should be given what-
ever is the modern equivalent
of the school stories of Talbot
Baines Reed and the adventure
yarns of G. A. Henty.

From twelve to fifteen
the masterpieces which they
will read now or never—such
masterpieces as "Robinson Cru-
soe," "Westward Ho!" "Tom
Brown's Schooldays," "Master-
man Ready," "The Last of the
Mohicans," "King Solomon's
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From eighteen to twenty-one
I recommend "Tom Jones,"
"The Vicar of Wakefield," "La-
vengro," "The Ordeal of Rich-
ard Feverel," "The Mayor
of Casterbridge," "Almayer's
Folly," and I venture to suggest
one Gissing and one Henry
James.

And, of course, any age from
fifteen onwards is right for
Boswell's "Johnson" and the
Diary of Samuel Pepys.

About girls, I suggest the
same curriculum, with the ex-
ception of "Tom Jones," which
they will not understand, and
"Many Inventions," which they
will dislike.

IN the matter of toys I
am inclined to think
that boys should have some-
thing corresponding to modern
invention, which means air-
planes, motor-cars and speed-
boats. I am not in favour of
trains, because father will play
with them and the child never
get a look-in.

As a thorough fogey and
wero I the father of two child-
ren, I should give them a chess-
board of nobly-smelling leather
and a set of weighted chess-men
of the dignity which suits the
game.

In my view, nothing is better
for an afternoon at this season
than a roaring fire, an old-
fashioned sheepskin hearthrug,
black for choice, a supply of
oranges, and a set of chess men.
You play the game on your
stomach, and instead of chang-
ing over the pieces at the end
of the game, change places on
the hearthrug and so get the
other side scorched!

Little girls still, I suppose,
like dolls. In my day demure
maidens of six required a wax
effigy which opened two china-
blue eyes and said "Mamma!"
Now I shall reluctantly concede
that they prefer a bodisized
(Continued on Page 5.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Nope, I didn't sell it—just got married!"

Navy's Need For Western Base

Value Of Pembroke Dock

THE partial reopening of Rosyth Dockyard, announced recently, is an example of how the urgent requirements of national defence are overriding considerations of economy.

To cope with the vast programme of warship repair and reconstruction work now in hand the resources of Rosyth are to be made available. In wide circles of the Navy the re-establishment of Pembroke dockyard is held to be even more necessary.

Although Pembroke may be, as the Admiralty has stated, surplus to peace-time requirements, it would immediately become of vital importance in the event of war. This is because it is the nearest British base to the western approaches of the Atlantic.

Approximately half our total sea-borne trade passes through or near this area, for which reason it was a favourite hunting-ground for enemy U-boats in the last war.

"ATLANTIC GRAVEYARD"

Hundreds of merchantmen were sunk in the approaches, which became known as "the Atlantic graveyard," and scores of others damaged by torpedo or mine would have been lost but for the fact that they were

able to reach Queenstown (Cobh). Here they were patched up or sufficiently to return under escort to an English port for repairs.

Further, it is certain that in time of war all the existing western and south-western ports would be overcrowded, as they were in 1914-18.

In a new emergency, the congestion would be intensified by the diversion of a great part of the shipping which approaches the Atlantic from other East Coast ports.

OVERWHELMING CASE

This alone would justify the reconditioning of Pembroke as an overflow port, and when the naval element is added the case for immediate action becomes, it is considered, overwhelming.

It is urged that Pembroke be provided with facilities for serving the needs of escort vessels and destroyers on convoy or patrol duty in the Atlantic.

Using Pembroke as their base they would save 100 miles in proceeding to and returning from their stations.

Pembroke, being 300 miles from the East Coast, is comparatively safe from air attack, which could not in any case be delivered without ample warning.

Millford Haven, in which the old yard is situated, is one of the finest harbours in Europe. About 11 miles long, and from one to three miles wide, it covers about 20 square miles.

It can be entered at all times of tide and in any conditions of wind.

During the Great War 4,000 men were employed in the dockyard,

First View Of World For 8 Years

For eight years Mr. Fred Walker, artist and designer, has been a patient in Highgate Hospital, keeping hands supple and eye in trim with brush and pencil for the day when he should return to the outside world.

The day is nearly here. Soon after Christmas he is to leave the hospital.

Mr. Walker is prepared to find London very much changed from the day he last saw it.

NURSES POSED

"There were no Belshazzrean banquets and very few traffic lights when I was out and about," he said. "All I know of the modern girl's dress and the modern motor-car is what I see in the newspapers."

Mr. Walker has not been short of subjects for his art while in hospital. His fellow-patients and the nurses have been his models.

"The boys make the best subjects, but they just won't sit still," he said.



Eleanor Holm, shown during a vacation at Miami, Fla., will have a \$30,000 swimming pool to star in, at the New York World's Fair, under a contract with Billy Rose, famed showman. When she finishes the contract, Mr. Rose said, they would be married and both retire from the show business. Rose recently was divorced by Fannie Brice.

DIAMOND IN ROAD AS NEW WARNING TO DRIVERS

Telling Them There Is a Sign Ahead

THE Earl of Onslow recently suggested that 100 yards in advance of a warning sign to motorists there should be placed on the roadway a green line or diamond sign.

He was giving evidence before the House of Lords committee on the prevention of road accidents.

The suggestion, he said, originated from his experience on the bench when one day ten motorists said that they had not seen a warning notice.

The Earl of Cottenham, originator of the mobile police and the "Courtney Cops," spoke of the "unhelpful" attitude of the traffic department of the Metropolitan Police.

He said that the scheme had won the approval of a number of chief constables, and from the reports he had received from them the public appreciated the motives of the principle of co-operation.

"ABOLISH THE MINISTRY"

"I would like to advocate publicly that the Ministry of Transport, as such, should be abolished and should become a technical department of the Home Office, under the permanent head," said Lord Cottenham.

Continuity of policy in transport matters was essential, he said, and should not be at the mercy of political comers and goers.

Within the frame work of this proposed department of the Home Office there should be a road traffic committee, a rail traffic committee, and a waterway traffic committee, each with a permanent chairman.

The Traffic Department of the Home Office should be free, as the Ministry of Transport was not free, from the duty of consulting every road-users' association about every proposed scheme.

CRITIC OF HENDON

Lord Cottenham said that when he visited the police driving school at Hendon in 1936 at the invitation of Sir Philip Game, the Commissioner of Police, the whole standard of teaching there seemed to him to be too low.

Solicitor Sent To Gaol At 68

A sixty-eight-year-old solicitor whose troubles, according to his counsel, were mainly due to the fact that he was not able to put money aside for the leaner years, was sent to prison for 20 months at the Old Bailey recently.

He was Arthur Edward Francis, who pleaded guilty to converting £1,200 of clients' money.

Mr. L. A. Byrne, prosecuting, said Francis was admitted a solicitor in 1895, and had practised in Bishopsgate. In 1937 he was adjudicated bankrupt with a deficiency of £8,721, of which £3,650 was due to clients.

During his examination he said that since 1928 his practice had declined, and he started borrowing heavily. To retrieve his position in 1934-5 he began to use clients' money.

Mr. Frank Milton, defending, said that for the greater part of his career Francis had conducted his business efficiently and honourably. He had been extraordinarily generous, paying the widow of a partner and a widowed sister £100 a year each.

At the age 60 his clients began to fail away and his position became hopeless. He had not lived extravagantly.

B.B.C. Man Feared Dismissal

A B.B.C. musician and member of the Halle Orchestra, Frederick John Tilsley (44), of Sale, was sentenced at Derby Assizes recently to nine months' imprisonment for perjury.

His father-in-law, William Arthur Heagarty, of Rowley, similarly charged, received a like sentence.

Mr. N. W. Winning (prosecuting) said Charles Armistead, a water bailiff, told the Bakewell Bench that he had seen Tilsley fishing from his father-in-law's garden and that subsequently the two men admitted to him the full facts.

Because of this, no corroboration was called before the magistrates, but the two men denied the charge, Tilsley stating that he had never fished in his life.

CASE DISMISSED

The case was dismissed and the Bench must have believed that Armistead made up the story. Three other witnesses had since been secured.

On Tilsley's behalf, Mr. G. Smallwood said he had feared that the B.B.C. would dismiss him after the fishing case.

"The B.B.C. do some rather curious things with their employees," Mr. Smallwood added.

Naval Base "Colour Bar" Denied

INDIAN BRIDE SAYS "IT'S JEALOUSY"

COLOMBO (Ceylon).

MRS. BRINDA GORDON, nineteen-year-old Indian bride of Lieutenant David L. Gordon, of the naval survey ship *Stork*, recently described as "arrant nonsense" reports that her husband's career is being affected by the colour question.

She said: "The matter has never been raised. I have been received aboard the *Stork*, and at Trincomalee (the naval base) dances the commander-in-chief has specially picked me out as his partner. Only jealous people can have thought of upsetting us by the colour question."

"My husband and I are extremely happy, and there is no truth in the suggestion that he is leaving the Navy. It is the last thing I should wish for."

Mrs. Gordon is a niece of Lord Sinha, Hindu barrister peer, and daughter of the Hon. Mrs. Dutt, of London. She met Lieutenant Gordon at a bridge party given by his mother, Mrs. F. Jervis Gordon, at her home in Chapel-street, Marylebone, W. They were married in Colombo in May.

Curiosity Costs Cat's Tail

Oakland, Cal.

Tony, an Angora cat whose curiosity complex got its tail into close contact with the wringer of an electric washing machine, underwent a successful operation for the removal of the damaged caudal appendage.

The cat is now in a condition to continue its investigation into the laundry business, without further risk—if not to life and limb, at least to tail.

UNEMPLOYMENT UP BY 47,000

Textile Industries Improve

UNEMPLOYMENT in Great Britain increased by 46,876 between October 17 and November 14, bringing the total to 1,828,103. This was 228,508 more than a year before. The estimated number of insured persons aged 15-64 in employment was 12,259,000 on November 14, a decrease of 30,000 on the month and a decrease of 150,000 on the year.

The decline in employment was noted in—
Building and public works contracting, agriculture and horticulture, coalmining, iron and steel manufacture, hotel and boarding-house and transport services, the distributive trades, and entertainments, sport, &c.

Increased unemployment in coalmining is unusual in November, and was evidently due to the mildness

of the weather and the falling off of export demand.

The industries which showed improvement last month included—
Cotton, wool, and other textile industries, metal goods manufacture, and the motor-vehicle, cycle, and aircraft industry.

The rise in unemployment affected all the Ministry of Labour divisions except the Midlands:

	Inc. or dec. on month
London	+9,775
South-eastern	+8,621
South-western	+3,823
Midlands	-3,692
North-eastern	+4,430
North-western	+4,507
Yorkshire	+1,824
Scotland	+8,080
Wales	+7,999

TOTAL ANALYSED
Included in the total of 1,828,103 were 1,455,608 wholly unemployed, 305,496 temporarily stopped, and 66,839 normally in casual employment. It comprised 1,360,683 men, 51,010 boys, 300,300 women, and 50,104 girls.

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'Head' Gave Beer At School

The Rev. Alexander Ross-Wallace, headmaster of a well-known public school, told the Cambridge magistrates recently that he had provided beer at school.

He was giving evidence for Clifford Frederick Victor Martin, aged 19, a Pembroke College undergraduate, who was charged with assaulting Police-Sergeant Ives on the night of November 6. The case was dismissed.

Police-Sergeant Ives said that while on duty near a lamp in Market-hill, round which was a large crowd of undergraduates, he felt a kick. He heard a remark, turned, and saw Martin in the act of kicking at his legs.

INJURED ANKLE

Martin, denying the allegations, said that he had injured his ankle and at the time it was strapped up in plaster. It would have hurt him to kick anyone.

Mr. C. H. Parker, prosecuting, referred to a statement by Martin that he had had "a glass or two of beer," and asked, "Did he drink beer at school?"

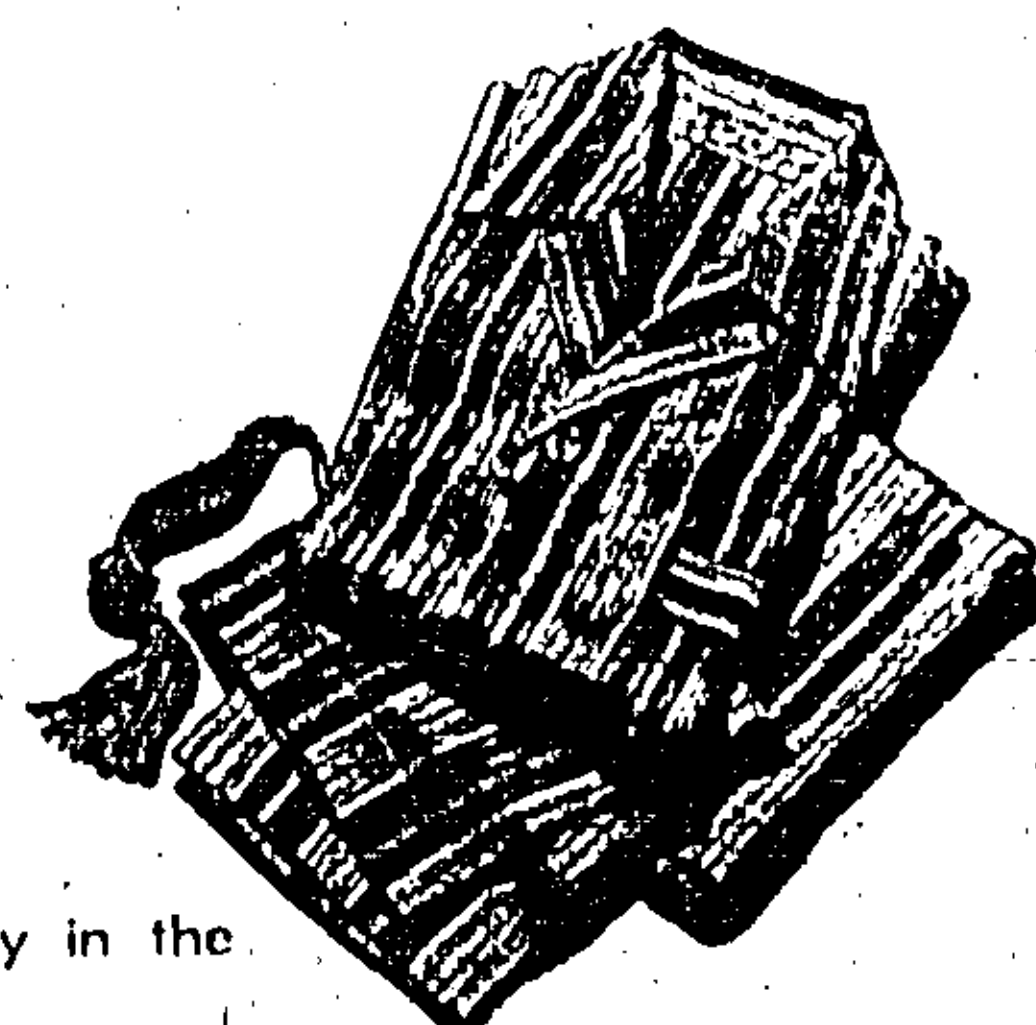
Mr. Ross-Wallace: I provided it, sir.

The Bench allowed the name of Martin's school to be written down and it was not divulged.

Rheims Replica Carved

Thomas Jacobson is a cement finisher by trade, but he'd rather do wood carving. In three years he carved from alder, birch and walnut a three and one-half foot high replica of the Rheims cathedral.

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Girl Student Of 17 "Adopts" A Family

A 17-year-old art student, a girl living in Portland Place, London, whose name is not revealed, has "adopted" a needy couple in Durham and their five young children.

Her action was disclosed by the Rev. H. F. Pickering, Vicar of St. Nicholas Church, Durham City, recently, when he defended in the pulpit the effort that he, with Lady Jane Legge, is making to secure help for poor families in his parish.

"In Durham City alone there are 1,000 men on the dole, and there are incredible thousands in the county. There are many brave souls fighting against tremendous odds to help themselves," he said.

"RELUCTANT RICH"

"I know of a man who rises at 4 a.m. to ride his cycle more than 20 miles to work and then back again at night in order to keep his job and not go on the dole.

"That man has a brave wife and five young children living in two rooms. If the father and mother have not tried to help themselves I don't know who has.

"I thank God that I have been able to link that family up to a young art student in London who will take care of them."

Durham County's problem ought to be a national concern, he said, and the reluctant rich in the South ought to be educated to their responsibility.

WON WORLD VOYAGE

Lucky American Girl In Hongkong

"Why I want to go to the China Seas?" was a question which Miss Dorothy M. Shaw, of New York, recently answered so well that her reply won her an essay competition and a trip round the world. She is a through passenger by the President Adams, which reached Hongkong yesterday, and is the only passenger who is booked with the ship for its complete round-the-world voyage.

The competition won by Miss Shaw was sponsored by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in connection with the Gable-Marlow film "China Seas."

Miss Shaw, a smartly-dressed brunette, is in charge of the American Express Company's travel bureau in McCrery's Store, New York. Her tour gives her only a day in Hongkong, for she sails with the President Adams at noon to-day.



Redrawing the Czech-Hungarian frontier are German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, left, and Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, at Bevedere Palace, Vienna. By this draft Hungary gained more than 4,000 square miles of Czech territory.

Adventurers In A Junk

Shanghai Russians To Return

As unostentatiously as it had set sail from Shanghai round the world the Russian-imperial-ensign-flying junk Adventure returned recently its top-mast broken, but its crew of eight, including two pretty young girls, undaunted and still hopeful.

The White Russian junk, skippered by a Briton, Captain A. C. Newton, set sail for Hongkong, the first port of call on its world-girdling itinerary. For a day all went well, but the junk sailed into stormy weather.

The junk, which was considered one of the most seaworthy vessels of its kind yet to embark upon such an adventure, weathered the seas well. But the topmast was old and cracked under the strain.

Approximately 70 miles out of Shanghai, the junk was turned back. The return trip was made with the remaining sail and the six-cylinder automobile engine.

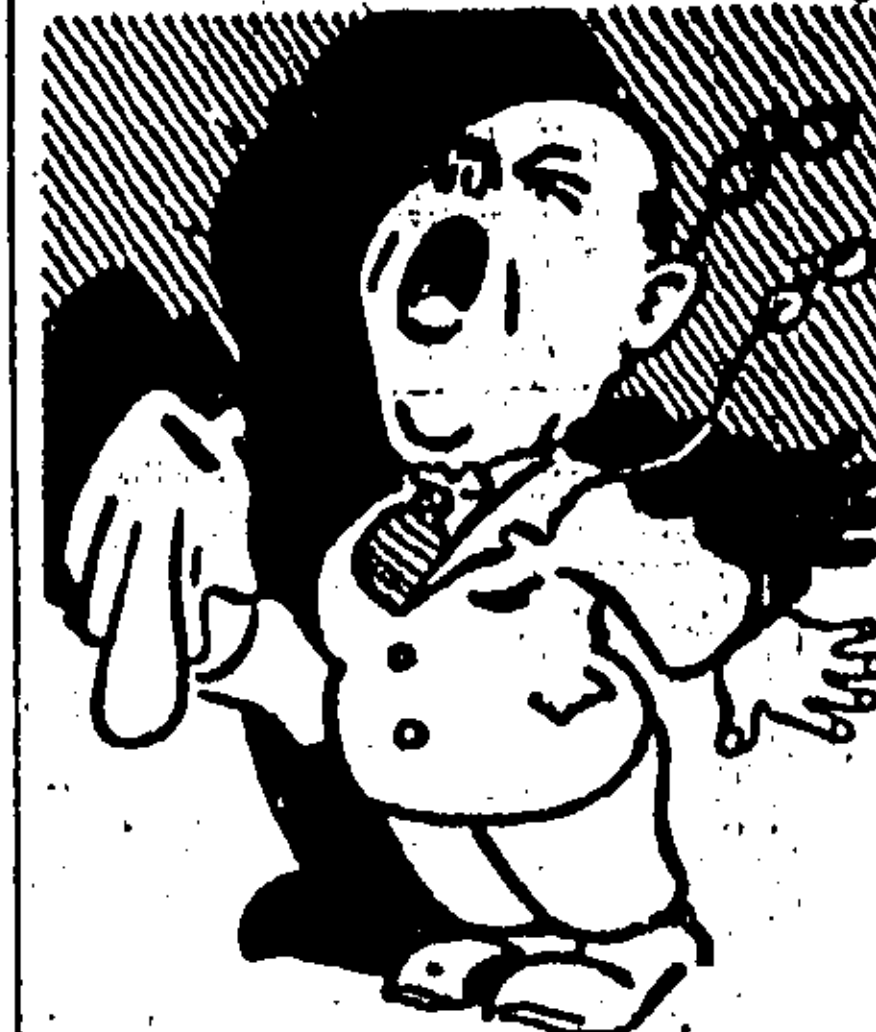
The crew includes Luba Schenikoff, Olga Alksner, Chief Officer Leo Tomashevsky, Engineer Leo Rudchenko and Seaman Serge Mirsanoff. P. Platonoff and V. Duke, intends setting out again as soon as the necessary repairs on the boat are completed.

The Adventure may not arrive in San Francisco in time for the opening of the Fair there next February. According to its itinerary, the route to San Francisco was to be via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Java, Australia and New Zealand. The crew originally intended to remain in San Francisco for the Fair and then to return to Shanghai via the Panama Canal, British West Indies, Canary Islands, Great Britain, Europe, Suez Canal, and from there across the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal and through the Straits of Malacca to Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai.

The unique feature of this adventure was the presence on board the junk of Luba Schenikoff and Olga Alksner, both of whom gave up their jobs at a high class French-town restaurant to sail with the Adventure.

DIVORCE PETITION

The divorce petition of Dorothy Isabel Tan, a European woman, against her Chinese husband, Mr. Peng Yong Tan, a Singapore lawyer, was withdrawn without prejudice, to her rights to making a fresh petition when the matter was heard before Mr. Justice Fiddow in the Singapore High Court.



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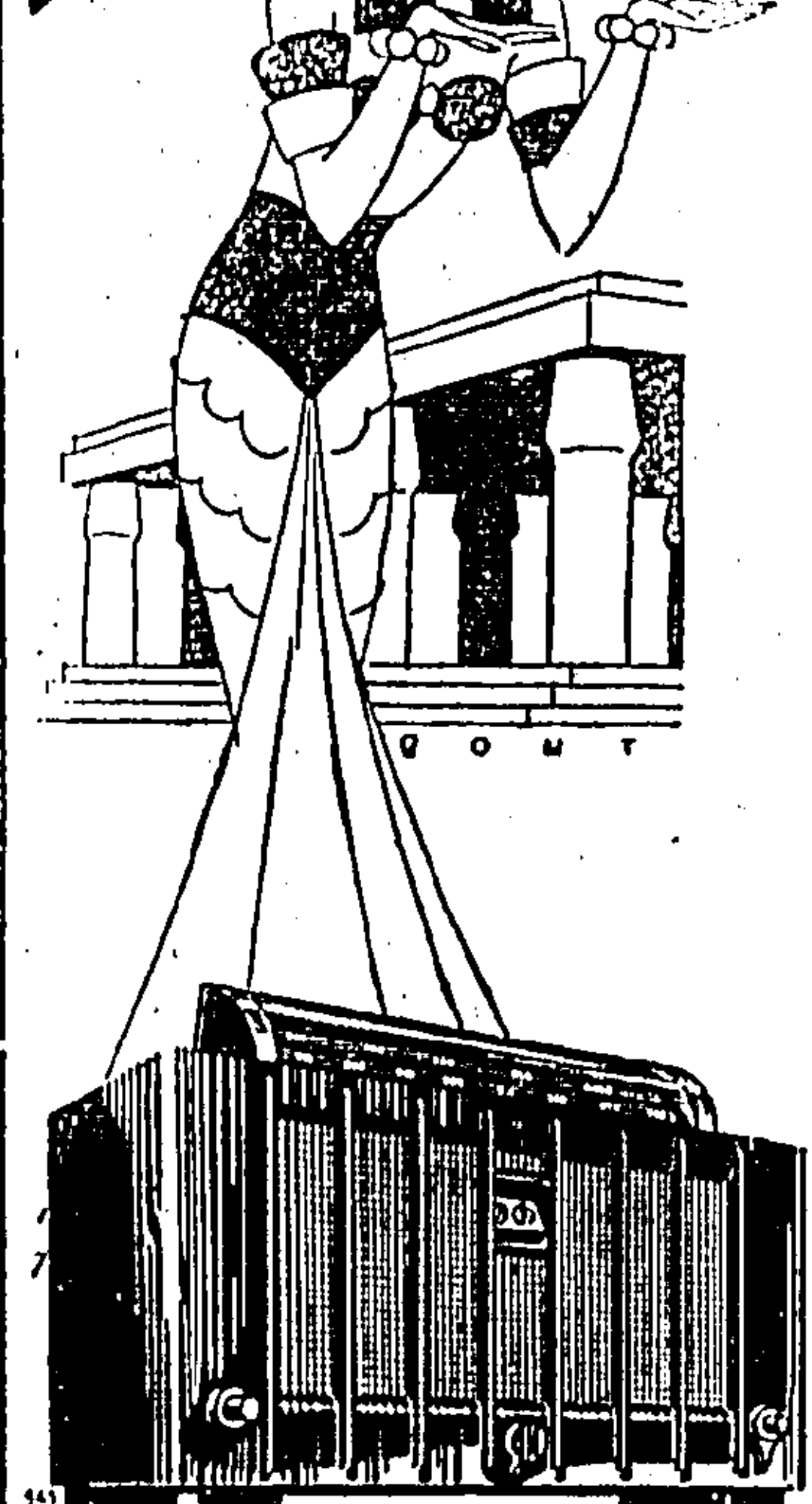


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LOCAL RACING SEASON ENDS BEFORE HUGE CROWD

SPLENDID FEAT BY EU STABLE IN TARDY H'CAP Silkylight Again Lowers A Record

(By "Captain Foster")

The Hongkong Jockey Club closed their racing season last Saturday before one of the largest crowds ever assembled at Happy Valley. The dollar cash sweep counter was the chief attraction, the first prize in the opening event, the Hongkong Autumn Champions, being well over \$2,000 and ticket No. 1225 was worth \$5,574.80 for an outlay of \$2 in the last contest.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was the wonderful success of the Singapore philanthropist, Mr. Eu Tong-sen, whose three nominations, Lucky (with Mr. Encarnacion up), Rose Jane (Mr. W. Poy) and Rose-Queen (Mr. S. W. Pan) finished first, second and third respectively in the Tardy Handicap for "C" class China ponies. It was a hard fought-out battle, Lucky winning by a length and the same margin separated the other two ponies. Mr. Eu Tong-sen should feel proud of the record.

Champion's Wonderful Running Silkylight Too Good For Field

Favoured with a good going, Silky-light, owned by Mr. Eric Moller of Shanghai and ridden by his son Mr. R. B. Moller, annexed the Hongkong Autumn Champions in record time of 2.21½ by many lengths, lowering Liberty Bay's track figure established on February 22, 1933, by two three-fifths seconds. It was certainly an amazing feat, the first quarter being covered in 28½ seconds and the next two furlongs were galloped in 28½ seconds. The third quarter was clocked in 29 seconds, but the speed of the next two furlongs was accelerated to 28½ seconds and then Silkylight came down the home

stretch in 27 seconds with a few pounds to spare.

We all knew that Silkylight was a first class animal, but we had no idea that he possessed such wonderful legs. It may not be known that the last mile was run in 1.52½ against the record time of 1.55 held by Diana Bay and the last half-a-mile was negotiated in 55½ seconds.

As was anticipated, Bear Claw jumped to the front at the release of the barrier followed by Confusion Bay, Silkylight and Expression Time, but I noticed that when they reached the bottom of the hill, Bear Claw was labouring owing to the fast pace. However, as they neared the finish post, Confusion Bay took up the running and the first three quarters of the circuit were journeyed in 1.20½ which was a grand show. At this juncture Silkylight dropped back as if he could not follow the leader and there was a tremendous excitement in the two stands.

Coming down the Black Rock, the order was Confusion Bay, Bear Claw, Silkylight and Expression Time, and there was daylight between the runners. All the glasses were focussed on the ponies and those 1,579 backers on Silkylight must have thought that their money had gone west.

At the 1¼ mile beacon or thereabout the triple crown winner shot forward in a most remarkable way and believe it or not, Silkylight was leading the pack at the top of the home stretch. Confusion Bay stuck to Mr. Eric Moller's candidate until the distance when he began to flag and Boole Moller, who rode a clever race on Silkylight, was tickled to cross the "W. P." by many lengths. It was a fine race and the combination of Silkylight and Moller remains unbeaten.



Activity in the paddock after the saddling bell in the Dilatory Handicap, first leg of the "Double" at Saturday's races. New Star (Mr. S. W. Pan up) is at the head of the line, followed by the winner, Double Chance, ridden by Mr. A. W. Raymond, and Plain View (Mr. H. C. Pih up) which came second. On the right Mr. V. V. Needa is seen mounting Ebony Idol which was unplacé.—Pictorial News.

NO FLUKE IN LUCKY LAD'S WIN

Well-Timed Race By V. V. Needa

I raise my hat to Lucky Lad, a "B" class Australian pony, winning the Queensland Autumn Champions and there was no fluke about his victory. The jockey, Mr. Needa, nursed the pony and rode a nice race. Prior to this classic event, Lucky Lad finished behind Vixen Tor (winner) in the New Bridge Handicap for "B" class over six furlongs and in the circumstance I never expected that he had a chance of becoming the champion pony.

It was indeed a great pity that the not favourite, Courting Eve, went lame after covering half the distance. The veteran Snowy River (1935 sub-

Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following are the teams specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow:

Home Winners

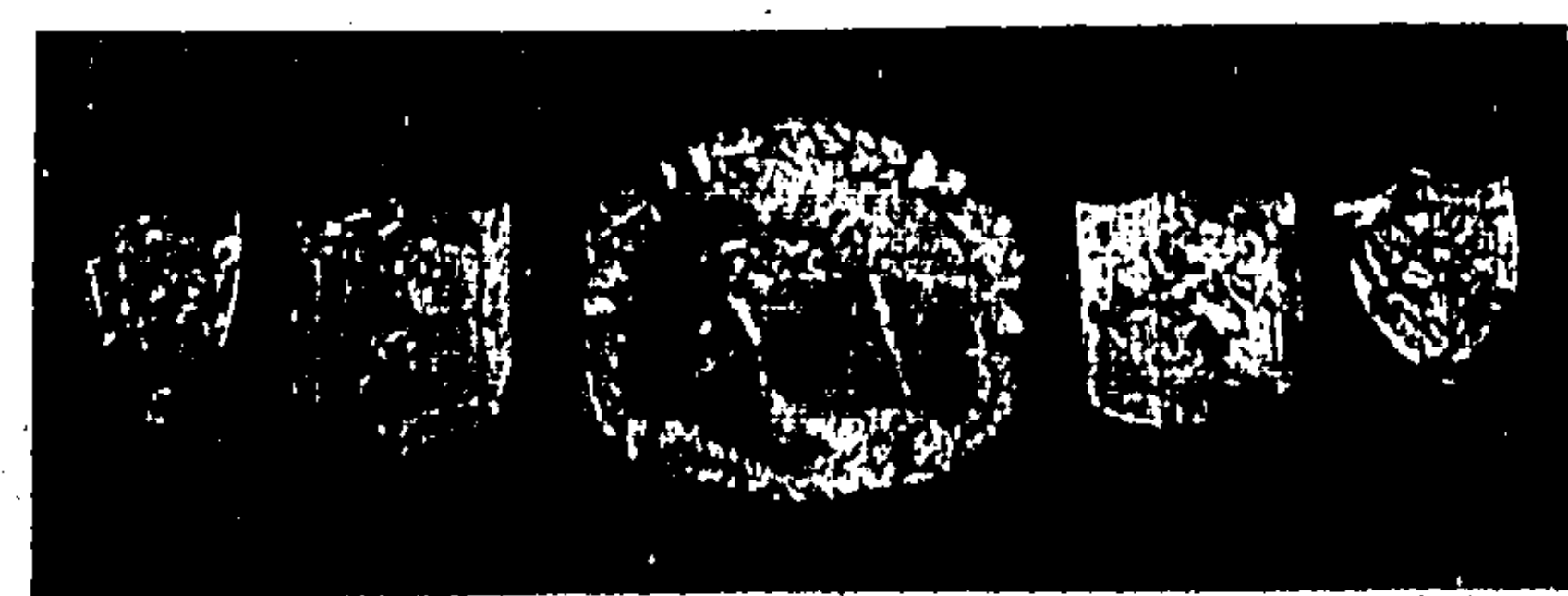
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Bradford

griffin), surprised us by running into a third place and she was also from the "B" brigade.

Readers and punters will no doubt be interested to know that Lucky Lad was by Tom McCarthy and there are three sons by the same sire among the contingent which arrived here about the beginning of August for 1938 Annual Carnival. Pony No. 48 belongs to Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, No. 52 is owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton and No. 55 is the property of the stable Ciro. They have not as yet been named, but keep an eye on them during the training season. Centre Court gave a very disappointing display and so did the Spring champion, Strathroy.



Above is a picture of the Bandmaster of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, which was won last night by Pte. Craig, who, best Pte. 40 Scotland. The Band was presented by Capt. (QM) Evans, one time Light-weight Champion of Scotland, who won it outright when a Sergeant in the Regiment, 1912, 1913, 1914.

Here And There With "Abe"

First Test Starts In S. Africa To-morrow

THE M.C.C. cricketers in South Africa under the captaincy of Walter Hammond will embark tomorrow on the task of regaining possession of the "rubber" which has not been won by England since 1922-23. It is generally considered in South Africa that the M.C.C. has sent out its strongest side for 50 years. For the first time, England will be represented by the full strength of its home eleven, with Hammond leading a model team—the sort of side that the student of cricket would pick from the formulae of the text book. The matches played by the tourists to date confirm the high opinion held of the team at the beginning of the visit, and no doubt the chances are that England will win the series, which begins at Johannesburg tomorrow. Four days have been allocated to each Test match, and the First Test will be played on December 24, 26, 27 and 28; the Second on December 31, January 2, 3 and 4; the Third on January 20, 21, 23 and 24; the Fourth on February 18, 20, 21 and 22; and the Fifth on March 3, 4, 6 and 7.

Relying On Spin

IT is expected that the home players will rely mostly on spin bowling to foil the M.C.C. batting stars. Louis Duffus, a leading South African critic, says that one reason why South Africa may rely on spin bowlers is the responsiveness of the wickets. It may be so, but at the time of writing the South African team has not been chosen, and it is possible that a different policy may be decided upon by the South African selectors. So far the only thing known is that Alan Melville, former Oxford University and Sussex captain, has been chosen to captain the Union team in all five Tests.

Popular Choice

FROM all accounts it is a popular choice; for no player in South Africa knows more about contemporary English cricket, while Melville has also been described as one of the best batsmen against spin bowling of his generation, although he does not seem to be in his peak form at the moment. That the highest respect is being held of his captaincy is shown by the comments of Hammond and Sir Pelham Warner when his selection was announced. Hammond said, "I am delighted that Melville has been chosen to captain South Africa. I have known him a number of years, and am pleased he is to lead South Africa. He is a very astute captain." Sir Pelham stated, "We all know Melville as a very good cricketer, and he was a very successful captain both for Oxford and for Sussex. Naturally I cannot hope that he will lead South Africa to

victory, but I am certain that he will get the best out of his side."

Tribute to Hammond

SIR Pelham Warner recently paid the following tribute to Hammond's captaincy last season: "Great on the field of play, he (Hammond) was an able, inspiring and sympathetic leader. Captaincy in an England eleven is never an easy role. Hammond filled the position splendidly in every respect. It is a tribute that will receive universal support; yet it is not without irony to the fact that who have good memories. In the space of one year he has captained England through a Test series with Australia and has been made a full member of the M.C.C. He has been nominated for the captaincy of his county, and is now leading an M.C.C. England team in South Africa. He would have done none of those things had he remained a professional. Sir Pelham Warner has led the way in paying tribute to a great cricket captain with the words quoted, from his article in the Cricketer's Annual.

Women's Swimming

IRENE van Feggelen's feat in swimming the 200 metres backstroke

COACH FOR NOTTS CLUB NEXT YEAR

Sir Julien Cahn has agreed to defray the cost of coaching the Nottingham County Cricket side for the next three years.

The decision of the Club to engage D. J. Knight as Technical Adviser to the Club with a former Australian Test player, Alan Fairfax as his assistant, follows the decline in standard of play by the Club last season.

Last season Notts, once one of the strongest counties finished 12th in the championship table. In 1937 Notts fell from fifth to 10th place.

at Amsterdam on Sunday last in 2 mins. 30 secs. once again brings to mind the tremendous progress swimming has made during the last 15 years. Many present-day women's records are of the same standard as Johnny Weismuller's or Arne Borg's best performances about 1923. It has happened before that an outstanding girl athlete has paved the way for the men. Only a few years ago, the Dutch girls ruled the swimming world while their countrymen were far below international standard. Now even the Dutch men swimmers have come to the fore and have produced a European champion, but the leading Dutch coach for both sexes is Miss. Braun. Now a pre-emptive of far-reaching importance has been created in Belgium. Mlle. Caron swam the 1,000 metres (about 1,100 yards) in 14 mins. 31 sec., thus not only lowering the former women's record by 2½ min. but even surpassing the men's record held by Guillemin with 14 min. 43 sec. Thus a girl became champion of both sexes in Belgium. Probably not such a thing has happened before.

Subscription Griffins Drawn For

China Ponies For 1939 Season

The Hongkong Jockey Club's China pony subscription griffins of 1939 were drawn by Mrs. D. C. Edmondston and Mrs. T. E. Pearce in the presence of H.E. the Governor, stewards and a good crowd of owners and racing fans during the week. The draw resulted as follows:

Grand No.	Drawn By	Colour	Height
201	Mrs. F. C. Hall	Grey	13.3
202	P. H. & Co.	Bay	13.3
203	L. T. F.	Bay	13.3
204	Mrs. Eu Tong-sen	Cream	13.2
205	L. & Edgar	Grey	13.3
206	Lady Northcote	Grey	13.3
207	Hollandia	Brown	13.2
208	John Peel	Grey	14.0
209	S. T. Williamson	Grey	14.0
210	J. H. Jensen	Chest.	13.3
211	J. Le	Chest.	14.0
212	Craig	Bay	14.0
213	Moller and Johannes	Grey	13.2
214	S. W. Lee	Chest.	13.2
215	Shields and Stanton	Grey	13.3
216	Dynasty	Chest.	14.0
217	Fourstone	Chest.	13.3
218	Wong Sul Ngau	Chest.	14.0
219	Chiu	Chest.	13.3
220	Choy Wing Chiu & Co.	Chest.	13.2
221	C. H.	Chun	14.1
222	Gredka	Black	14.1
223	E. S. K.	Grey	13.3
224	W. F. Sewell	Grey	13.3
225	Yeung Bing Yuen	Bay	13.2
226	Diamonds	Chun	13.2
227	Teater and Abraham	Grey	14.1
228	K. C. C.	Chest.	14.1
229	S. M. K.	Black	13.3
230	S. S. L.	Grey	13.3
231	T. & E.	Chest.	14.1
232	L. Bros.	Chest.	13.2
233	Hollandia	Chest.	14.0
234	S. L. K.	Bay	14.0
235	Necan	Bay	13.3
236	Loper and Liang	Dun	14.0
237	Dr. S. N. Chau	Black	13.2
238	Chung Huyen	Bay	14.1
239	Mrs. F. C. Hall	Bay	13.3
240	Tasma	Bay	13.3
241	Mrs. Dunbar	Bay	13.3
242	C. W. Sewell	Grey	13.3
243	Mrs. Selth	Bay	13.2
244	S. T. Williamson	Chest.	13.3
245	Whip	Chest.	14.0
246	Chau Bro.	Chest.	13.3
247	C. N. K.	Black	13.3
248	K. F. Wong	Dun	14.0
249	Sports	Chest.	14.1
250	Fish	Chest.	14.0
251	Eu Tong-sen	Black	14.1
252	Lee Shiu Kee & S. W. Lee	Bay	13.3
253	Hope	Grey	14.1
254	Dynasty	Bay	13.3
255	M. A. H.	Black	13.3
256	Dr. Lee Shiu Kee	Bay	13.3
257	Winn	Black	14.0
258	Manetta	Chest.	13.3
259	Relation	Chest.	13.3
260	Li	Bay	14.0
261	G. Tinson	Bay	14.0
262	S. M. Gregory	Chest.	13.3
263	John Peel	Bay	14.1
264	Cocca	Bay	14.1
265	Primus	Grey	13.2
266	LA	Brown	13.2
267	Dr. S. N. Wong	Black	13.3
268	Ducaners	Chest.	14.0
269	J. H. Jensen	Bay	14.1
270	C. S. N.	Bay	14.1
271	Eu Tong-sen	Grey	13.3
272	Anahy	Bay	14.1
273	Chiu Cheong Yau	Black	14.0
274	Henry	Chest.	13.2
275	Black and White	Bay	14.1
276	Lin	Chest.	13.2
277	Gredka	Grey	13.2
278	S. T. Williamson	Bay	14.0
279	Miss Li Po-chun	Bay	13.3
280	T. M. Gregory	Bay	13.3
281	H. Le	Bay	14.0
282	W. K. Yeung	Chest.	14.0
283	John Peel	Chest.	13.3
284	Manetta	Chest.	14.0
285	REJECTED	Bay	14.0
286	L. Dunbar	Chest.	13.3
287	Young Bros.	Chest.	14.0
288	Choa, Chanson and Feng	Chest.	13.2
289	Moller and Johannes	Chest.	13.2
290	Mrs. T. E. Pearce	Grey	13.2
291	Sports	Bay	13.3
292	Mrs. J. H. Taggart	Bay	13.3
293	Mrs. J. H. Taggart	Chest.	13.3
294	Mrs. J. H. Taggart	Chest.	14.1
295	C. E. T.	Grey	13.2
296	Lul	Chest.	14.0
297	Marber	Grey	13.2

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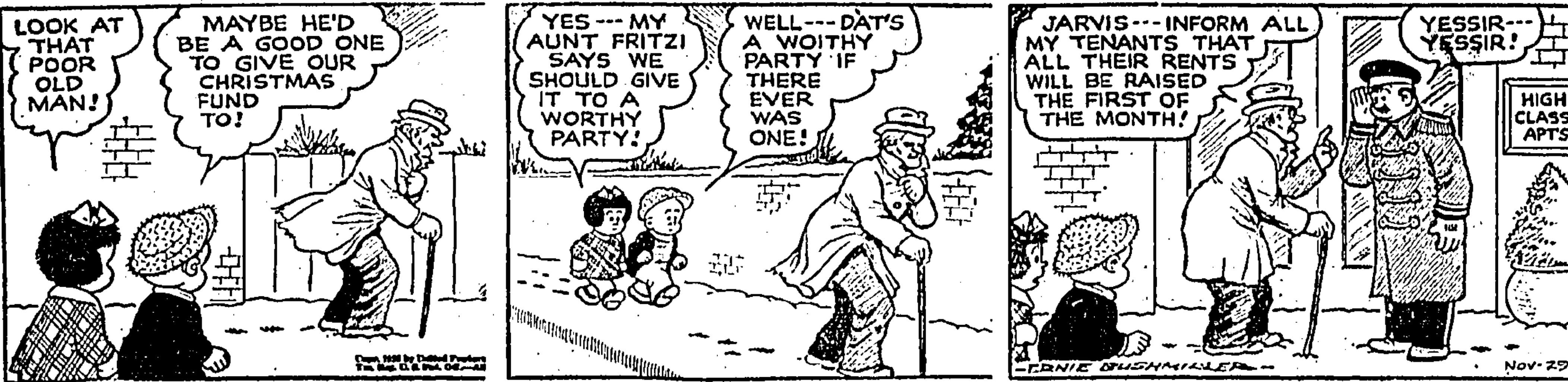
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

FANLING RACES START ON BOXING DAY

SATISFACTORY ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR EVENTS

(By "Captain Foster")

The official opening meet of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held at Kwanti on Boxing day.

For the convenience of racing public there will be special trains at 12.12 p.m. and 1.25 p.m., to Fanling and return at 5.50 p.m. and 6.51 p.m. to Kowloon. The Railway first class return fare is \$2 including admission to the Racecourse. Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 and Service Men in uniform are charged at half price.

With the curtain drawn down at Happy Valley we now look forward to Fanling to provide us with thrills over the sticks and fences. Of course its popularity, especially among the Navy and Army officers, is too well known and it is learned that a few low class Australian and Chinese ponies have recently changed ownership. As a result very satisfactory entries have been received; in fact the Stewards have decided to divide the Jorrock's Plate into two divisions on account of the large number of nominations. Schooling a jumper is entirely a different proposition from flat racing, but it is best to commence operations while the pony is young. Many a hurdler has proved a failure owing to the eagerness of the owner trying to make the pony jump without proper schooling. However, owing to the long drought, the going will no doubt be hard and, judging by the forecast, does not look that the weather clerk will be kind enough to provide a soft course.

Ebony Idol Should Win His Event

The curtain raiser will be the Tai-po Handicap, a steeplechase for China ponies over 1 1/2 miles, and there are no less than 11 entries. It is hard to follow the line of the handicapper's allotment of weights. Estover, who annexed this contest last year with the limit load of 168 lbs., has again been set to shoulder the same weight, but Ebony Idol (the winner of the Fanling Grand National and the most exclusive event) has to carry 3 lbs. less. In the latter steeplechase, Ebony Idol was considered by the handicapper to be 2 lbs. better jumper than Estover (the jockey weighed out with 1 lb. overweight) and it is interesting to relate that these leapers never met again. If my memory serves, Estover came a cropper when taking Lou's Leap, but it is strange to see that a pony should be penalised 5 lbs. for a technical knockout in other words not completing the course. As a racer at Happy Valley, we all know that Estover can concede two stones to Ebony Idol, but what has the former done at Fanling to be placed at the top of the assessment? Ebony Idol won three clever jumping events last season and he will be the first one to hand in his card to the judges on Boxing Day followed by Estover and Araxy. Diogenes or Double Chance is, in my opinion, a good outsider.

JORROCKS PLATE "B" DIVISION

In the Jorrock's Plate "B" division which is a hurdle race over 1 1/4 miles, there is not much class among this section. Arabian Cat is near at the game and so is Rexiana, the former being a better animal. I like, however, The Minx, Canary and Silver Fox.

GOOD HURLERS IN THIS RACE

There are several good hurdlers in the Jorrock's Plate "A" division

Coming Attraction



"IF I WERE KING"

TABBY CAT MAY NOT ACCEPT

By virtue of his win in the Final Handicap at Happy Valley last Saturday, Tabby Cat has incurred a penalty of 7 lbs. and this genit has to shoulder 172 lbs. in the Happy Valley Handicap, a fat race over a mile for "E" class China ponies. I have good reason to believe that Tabby Cat will not accept and it looks the second pony, Mac's Adventure, will have no difficulty to present his card to the judges. Easy Time and Styxie should be in the limelight at the finish. I do not expect that any of the low weighters will upset the appiecart, but Palmer, who has been kindly treated, is very tempting at 145 lbs.

10 ENTRIES FOR CANBERRA H'CAP

The Canberra Handicap, a steeplechase over a course of 1 1/2 miles for Australian ponies, has attracted no less than 10 entries with the inclusion of Mr. G. Treverton's Brutus who is at the top of the ladder with 168 lbs. Langolien, Sea Urchin, Spectrum and Tevoldale are the new comers and I have not much information about them. However, Brutus, who annexed the Australian Grand National on March 7, 1937, is my fancy with Spark Plug and Plummary to finish behind.

CONSOLATION SCURRY

The meeting will terminate with a consolation scurry, a flat race of half-a-mile for China ponies that have started at the meeting and never placed first or second, and I am sure that it will not lack the usual keenness and interest. I much regret, however, that the tipping must be left to readers' discretion owing to post entries.

SELECTIONS FOR FIRST FIVE RACES

My selections for the first five events are as follows:

TAIPO HANDICAP

Ebony Idol
Estover
Araxy

JORROCKS PLATE "B" DIVISION

The Minx
Canary
Silver Fox

JORROCKS PLATE "A" DIVISION

Jack O' Lantern
Zero
Meteor

HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP

Mac's Adventure
Easy Time
Styxie

CANBERRA HANDICAP

Brutus
Spark Plug
Plummary

was cluttered up with conflicts which

Dorris Lee Surprises

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. Dorris Lee Upchurch thought it highly irregular when authorities at the University of Alabama insisted he take a course in physical education for women. But he appeared at the first class, 6 feet tall and pipe in mouth. He was excused.



Walter Woolf King and Della Lind take the principal singing roles in "Swiss Miss," starring Laurel and Hardy. The picture comes to the King's Theatre to-morrow as the Christmas attraction.

Rifle Shooting Home Branch Inaugurated At Bisley

Very difficult conditions were experienced on the Kowloon range at the Wednesday Spoon and Practice Shoot of the H.K. Rifle Association. A very strong gusty wind prevailed with a variable light. It was, however, an extremely good test for the Far East Trophy Colony teams, who came through it well. This match is being fired at 9 a.m. to-day, subject to the weather.

E.R.A. Thorpe, of the 4th. Submarine Flotilla, scored the first possible of the season at 200 yards—an excellent performance considering the weather conditions—and Corporal Nunn of the Royal Engineers put on 46 out of 50 at 500 yards. P.O. Hinds, of the 4th. Submarine Flotilla, won the Nett Spoon for S.R. (b), and L/Cpl. Bullen the S.R. (a) with 82.

In spite of the weather, Pool Bulls were scored by E.R.A. Thorpe, Captain Scrimgeour and Mr. Boulton. The November Bulletin is being published to-day, and contains an excellent editorial which should be read by all, especially those who have just taken up this national sport.

The chief item of interest, however, is contained in a letter referring to the formation of a Home Branch of the H.K.R.A. The founder of the present Association, Major D. H. Steers is, of course, responsible. This is unique in the history of rifle shooting within the British Empire, in fact within the whole world, and the Colony should be proud to lead the world in this respect.

The Home Branch was inaugurated by a dinner at Bisley on November 19, which was attended by some forty persons including the leading personalities of the N.R.A. A full account of the dinner has just been received by Air Mail and will be published in the January number of the Bulletin.

In connection with the Home Branch, members are requested to notify their Club Secretaries or the Hon. Secretary when they are proceeding home, so that Major Steers may be kept informed to give any assistance to them on arrival at Bisley.

As there will not be another shoot till after Christmas, the President and Council wish all members a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The following are the leading scores and spoon winners:

S.R. (b)	200	500	500	710
P.O. A.C. Hinds	31	29	31	91
E.R.A. L. G. Keller	30	30	31	91
Reckie J. M. Keller	29	29	30	88
E.R.A. J. R. Thorpe	28	29	30	87
Lieut. A. L. Le Scellier	28	29	30	87
C.E.R.A. R. Atkinson	27	28	29	84
Mr. H. L. Langley	27	28	29	84
Major B. White	26	27	28	81
Mr. F. J. Thompson	26	27	28	81
S.E.M. N. Street	25	26	27	78
P.O. L. C. Pennell	24	25	26	75
S.E.M. N. Street	24	25	26	75
Pte. C. P. Basso	24	25	26	75
S.E.M. N. Street	24	25	26	75
Sgt. G. C. Tomlinson	23	24	25	72
S.R. (a)	20	25	25	51
L/Cpl. R. Bullen	26	28	28	82
Sgt. K. C. Ho	25	27	27	81
Pte. J. W. McWilliam	25	27	27	81
E.R.A. J. Chick	24	26	27	77
Spr. W. Albano	24	26	27	77
Cpl. J. Milroy	24	26	27	77

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"Of Human Hearts" (King's Theatre, to-day).—An honest, sincere and moving film. Though somewhat spoiled by a melodramatic ending, the story of a stern frontier pastor, his self-sacrificing wife and their strong-willed son who forgets gratitude in his selfish ambition benefits tremendously by Clarence Brown's fine direction and the performances of Beulah Bondi, Walter Huston, James Stewart, Gene Reynolds, Gene Lockhart, Charles Coburn and Charley Grapewin.

"White Banners" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Sentimental inspirational drama which takes on a certain nobility through the excellent performances of its principal characters. Fay Bainter is the serving woman who enters a household on a cold winter morning and remains to become a firm counselor and a strong defence against adversity when it arrives. The climax comes after the master of the house, a poor professor, has been his "celess leech" in the stolen and is persuaded by the servant that by not fighting he will turn defeat into victory. Miss Bainter is outstanding, and others in the cast lend excellent support. Claude Rains, Kay Johnson, Jackie Cooper, Bonita Granville, Henry O'Neill and James Stephenson are the supporters.

"Non-Stop New York" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Graumont's prophetic picture of trans-Atlantic passenger service. A fast-moving film, well-directed and well-acted. Anna Lee, English "Glamour Girl," shares honours with John Leder.

"The Crowd Hears" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Robert Taylor as a prize-fighter. This should remove the last doubt about his virility. But this prize-fighter is no plug-ugly. He is a gentleman who reads H. G. Wells and likes him. Mr. Taylor here tells us how the daughter (Maurice O'Sullivan) of a gambler who has bought his contract. An exciting melodrama is worked out before the final reunion. Edward Arnold, Frank Morgan, William Garagan, Lionel Stander, Nat Pendleton.

"Rich Man, Poor Girl" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A third filming of the good old Cinderella play called "White Collars," telling how the wealthy man helped the poor family and married the daughter. Robert Young, Lew Ayres and Ruth Hussey.

Wed at Police Station

TURLOCK, Cal. Love laughed, if not with locksmiths, at least with turnkeys when Marion Olds and Miss Kathryn Martin were married at police headquarters. Desk Sergeant David C. Peters, a retired clergyman, officiated, while Chief of Police E. W. Grady was one of the witnesses.

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30th Battery Overcome Stanley

League Football Ties Decided

After a hard fought game at Happy Valley yesterday 30th Battery, R.A. managed to overcome Stanley by one goal scored during the first half. The winners displayed much better combination and were far superior in their finishing ability.

The game opened with Stanley on the defensive and Yearling went close for the Battery, his partner shot striking the cross-bar to go over. At this stage, with the strong wind in their favour, the Battery's intermediate trio were making a glaring mistake in the manner in which they overkicked their own forwards. However, after 25 minutes, they went ahead through Cook who netted with a fine shot that gave the goalkeeper no chance whatsoever.

On the resumption play was most even but with only five minutes left for play Halpin netted what appeared to be a perfectly good goal which the referee immediately awarded, but on the intervention of the linesman he reversed his decision in favour of Stanley to award a free-kick for hands.

The Battery were best served in defence by Hole and Guy whilst Cook and Flanders displayed clever combination on the left wing. Hall, Marsh and Frier were the outstanding members of the Stanley team. John Battery, R.A.—Woodcock, Tuckley, Todd, Hole, Guy, Roberts, Ralph Yearling, Elliott, Cook and Flanders. Stanley—Hall, Marsh, Burrows, Gibson, Smith, Farmhouse, Frier, Woodridge Burgess and Banks.

MEDICALS BEATEN

Goalkeeper Collides With Centre Forward

Yesterday on St. Joseph's ground Stonecutters kept up their challenge to the R.A.F. in the Third Division "B" Section in defeating the Medicals by the only goal of the match. There was very little over which to enthuse in this meeting as both teams kept the ball far too much in the air and in view of the very strong wind that was blowing across the pitch very little constructive play was seen.

Stonecutters took up the attack from the kick-off and after five minutes play a goal looked certain but Wynne sprang off a really fine save and in doing so sustained a nasty cut on the head through colliding with Chapman, the Sailors' centre-forward; his injury necessitated him leaving the goal and assuming the left wing position, whilst Parkin filled the vacancy between the sticks. Following this interruption Stonecutters opened the scoring through Chapman.

On the resumption, although having the wind in their favour, the Medicals were continually on the defensive and only hesitancy in front of goal robbed Stonecutters of many good scoring opportunities. Play continued to be most one-sided, but the Medicals defended stoutly and no further goals were added before the final whistle.

For the Medicals Parkin was a very capable substitute between the sticks and Webb and Leverington showed a welcome return to form in the full-back division. Florence was the pick of the intermediate trio whilst Scriven was the only forward to trouble the Sailors' defence.

For Stonecutters Kew defended stoutly at full-back and all three halves performed creditably. Among a quick moving set of forwards Garfield and Ferris were outstanding, the former being the only one to impress with marksmanship. Medicals—Wynne, Webb, Leverington, Adlington, Ramsley, Florence, Stanton, Scriven, Flynn, Harvey and Parkin. Stonecutters—Bicknell, Kew, Longwill, Heap, Banham, Tunnell, Maynard, Croft, Chapman, Ferris and Garfield.

TRANSPORT OF PONIES

Ponies entered for the Happy Valley Handicap of the Fanling Race Meeting on Boxing Day will be transported free to Kwangli, and they must be at the Kowloon railway station at 9 a.m. on Christmas Day. They will be brought back on Tuesday, arrived at Kowloon at 8.05 a.m.

"E" class ponies, which have been promoted to "B" class will be eligible to run in the Happy Valley Handicap as their promotion does not become effective until January 1.

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WHITE HORSE WHISKY

GOOD BOXING SEEN AT ROYAL SCOTS TOURNEY

The finals of the individual boxing championships of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots were held at Murray Barracks last night. Some good boxing was seen, and perhaps the best bout of the evening was that between Cpl. Elliott and Pte. McReady, who was won by the former on points. Both boxers fought gamely throughout the three rounds, and in the end they were congratulated by the chief judge.

Another bout, which was greatly enjoyed by the spectators was that between L/Cpl. Miller and L/Cpl. Barker. It was a case of experience against youth and, though beaten, Miller, who in 37 years of age, put up a good display. After Lieut.-Col. D. J. MacDougall, Officer Commanding, had congratulated the winners and the football team on their victory over South China "A" a few days ago, Brigadier F. W. T. Reeve gave away the prizes. The following were the results: Bantamweight—Pte. Craig beat Pte. 40

CRAIGENGOWER DRAW

The draw for the Craigengower Christmas draw, which took place last night, resulted:

1, 4, 8, 11, 14, 15, 17, 33, 39, 43, 45, 54, 57, 68, 70, 73, 76, 78, 79, 83, 96, 102, 109, 112, 117, 118, 123, 126, 128, 132, 133, 140, 142, 148, 167, 172, 174, 176, 183, 190, 197, 198, 199.

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CHOOSE A SMALL BIRD AND COOK IT THIS WAY

SELECTION is extremely important with any kind of poultry, but to-day the housewife's task is made considerably easier, as birds are carefully graded in all the big shops.

Staleness in turkeys or chickens shows very little until they are actually on your plate.

Fine Skin

Choose birds of fine skin—the colour is not so important as the fineness of the pores. Although white-skinned birds are supposed to be more tender, with good cooking a yellow-skinned bird can come to the mouth as tender as a peach.

Turkey is best eaten hot—cold turkey having a tendency to taste rather like tough mutton. Don't buy too large a bird. It's usually safe to allow two to three pounds of weight in reckoning your size of bird—an eight-pound turkey for six people, a ten-pound turkey for seven or eight people, and so on.

The best possible way to cook both turkey and chicken is in a covered aluminium baking dish with ventilator top. You are then saved all basting troubles, and need not touch the bird until half an hour before serving, when you dish or open the ventilator wide.

Wipe your bird over with a clean cloth wrung out in warm water. Use small, neat wooden skewers to fasten up the stuffing, and be rather extravagant with the butter you use for basting.

On this important occasion you should allow yourself from 15 to 20 minutes in which to cook the bird. Melt the butter in a small saucepan and pour it over the bird just before it goes in the oven. If you wish a crisp skin to the bird, flour, pepper and salt the bird lightly before pouring on the butter. Cook slowly in a moderate oven, increasing the heat for the browning process of the last half-hour. At 15 minutes' cooking per pound of bird, plus the extra half-hour at the end.

Stuffings

WHAT you stuff your birds with is entirely a question of your individual palate. A chestnut stuffing is excellent with either

turkey or chicken at this time of year.

For this allow one pound of chestnuts to a good-sized bird, and boil them thoroughly in their skins first. Then plunge into cold water and leave for ten minutes. By that time the skins should come off quite easily, including the brown, fibrous under-skin.

Pound the chestnuts very finely. Bind the nuts with a little butter, and either cream or eggs. Add salt, pepper, and a tiny pinch of mustard to flavour, and fill the bird tightly.

Your Christmas beef should be ten days old; then it will be in really perfect condition. Wing ribs and sirloin are the most popular joints. The flesh should be bright red. If it is at all purple it is stale, and if it is a very pale red it will be tough.

Wipe the joint over with a wet cloth and then flour thoroughly with flour in which you have mixed salt and pepper in your dredger.

Cook in a deep dish with a good sized knob of butter on top as well as any beef dripping you may have.

Baste all joints frequently unless you are using a cover.

Serve with butter pudding and at least two vegetables.

Watch Your Windows

MANY modern houses have such delightful broad window-sills that they deserve to be well dressed.

Window-sills lend a great deal of character to a room if the housewife has taste and ingenuity.

In a house seen recently every room possessed its window ledge and each was differently dressed to suit the individual need of the room.

The lounge, for instance—a large blue room overlooking a busy street, and therefore having net curtains right across the windows—had a tall cream vase in the centre of the sill filled with delphiniums to match the colour scheme, flanked by a pair of squat vases of a pale shade of blue, each filled with a small posy of pink and blue flowers. The effect was pleasing against the mistiness of the net curtains.

Books, by the way, should be put on window ledges where they do not show from outside. Placed in uncurtained windows with only the

I'M GOING to be MARRIED on New Year's Eve

"**S**UCH a rush I've had." The manageress of a dressmaking establishment, said to me—

whilst I was being fitted for a new dress.

"I'm going to be married on New Year's Eve. We've got the house, what about you giving a hand with the furnishing?" she whispered in her best wheedling voice.

"Right," I said, "that's easy. You'll spend the afternoon at the Woman's Fair with me. Everything you want you will find there under one roof."

"But mind," I said, as later on we went into Olympia. "No fun and games this afternoon. You can come back later with your young man and enjoy the fun of the fair, but to-day it's serious business."

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"Wait a minute for colour schemes," I said.

First you want help about the workshop of the house, so let's absorb some of the details in the model health and cleanliness kitchen."

We then looked round for the newest ideas in labour-saving. One of the pieces, things about modern times and

edges of the volumes seen from outside, they do not look their best.

In the kitchen where the colour scheme is green and white, a white window sill with a tubby green vase kept filled with the cottage garden type of flower looks effective.

A dining-room recently seen had one of those delightful flower rings holding short-stemmed flowers on its broad sill, and on each of the smaller sides—it was a bay window—a small one to match filled with a similar colour scheme of flowers.

Windows are so prominent a part of any room that it pays to make them attractive if taste and simplicity are the keynote.

P. M.

Janet Jay with
a Bride-to-Be
at Woman's Fair



We've already signed the agreement for the house.

The modern kitchen is that "Black Monday" need not exist any more.

Given the proper washing equipment, you can get through the week's laundry sheets and all, in double quick time and have it ironed and out of the way by Tuesday.

The first thing I noticed about the new Hotpoint electric cabinet washing machine is that the crumpled top is just the right height to use as an extra table, and beautifully cool for pastry making. So the washing machine is a useful piece of furniture and does not waste floor space.

Opened up, the cabinet reveals an efficient washing machine which is as easy to use as a vacuum cleaner. The wringer, which slows away in a cupboard in the base of the cabinet, adjusts its tension automatically to the material going through, and the soft upper roller is kind to buttons and press studs.

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THE bowl itself is octagonal; a new idea to cover the maximum agitation of the soapy water and thorough washing of every kind of material.

You can choose a vacuum cleaner to suit your own particular needs on the Goblin stand. If you have large carpets or floor coverings, the sweeper type of cleaner is usually satisfactory.

I noticed that the Goblin "Monarch" a vibrator-sweeper cleaner which gently beats all carpeted dust and gets out the carpets, is made in a sensible size so that it is not too bulky to stow away in a cupboard.

If you have heavy curtains, picture rails and so on to keep clean, the cylinder type cleaner is probably the best type for you, because it has a good range of accessories for dealing with all the odd corners about the house.

The carpet nozzle of the Goblin "Clean Sweep" cylinder cleaner, I noticed, has an agitator device for picking up cottons.

The price complete, by the way, is six and a half guineas.

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So many people have spoiled their floors with rugs that I made a special note of a new domestic polisher on another stand. You can use this with a long handle for floors or a short one for furniture.

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We watched a new miniature electric grill trying bacon and grilling Welsh rabbit on a plate, and a girl moving grease stains from a silky fabric with a dab of powder and a little water. And several coal cookers were working just as they would in your own kitchen!

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We lingered here sampling tit-bits both sweet and savoury. They all tasted so fresh and good, which set me thinking that it was time to start ordering extra supplies for Christmas.

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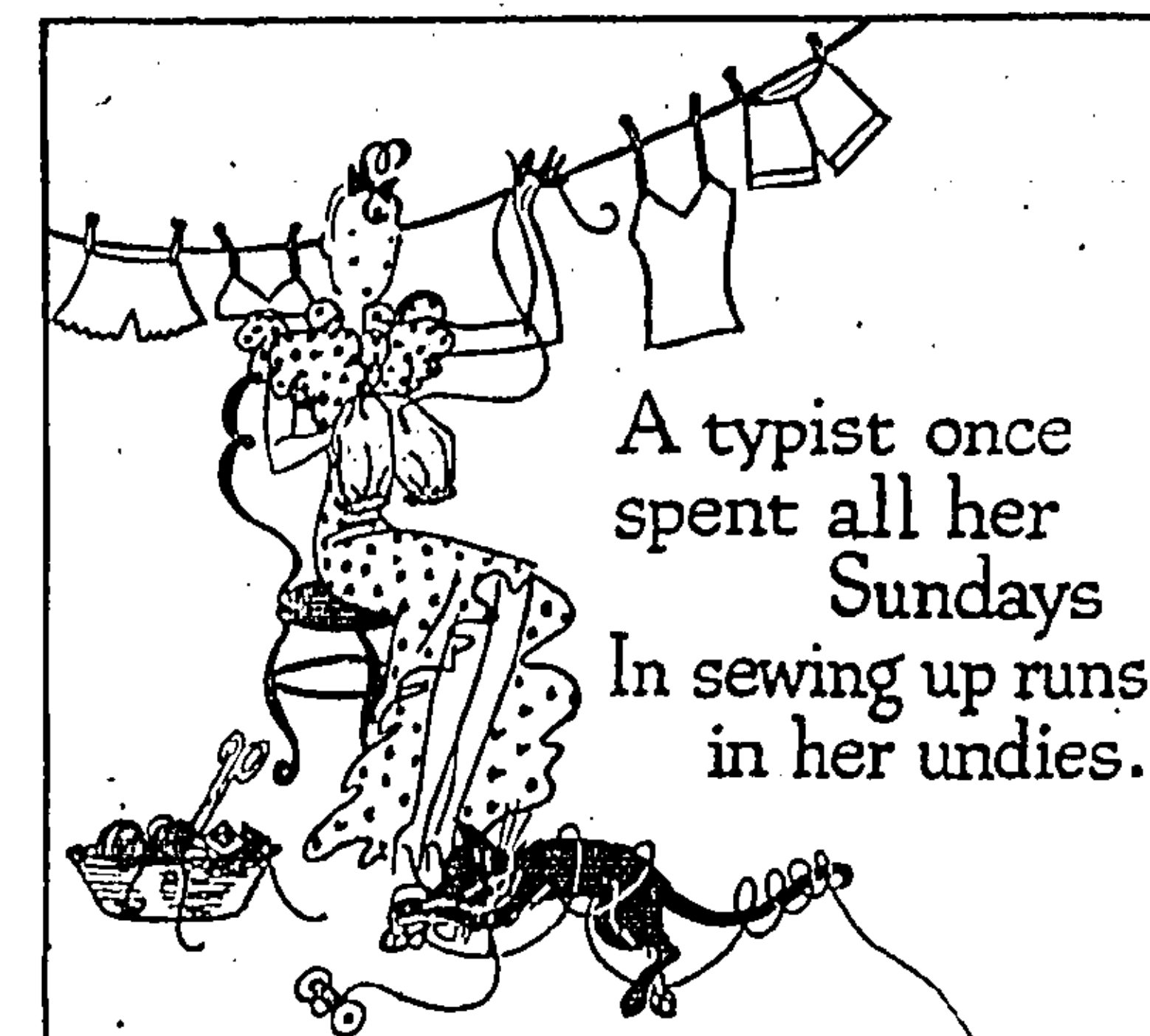
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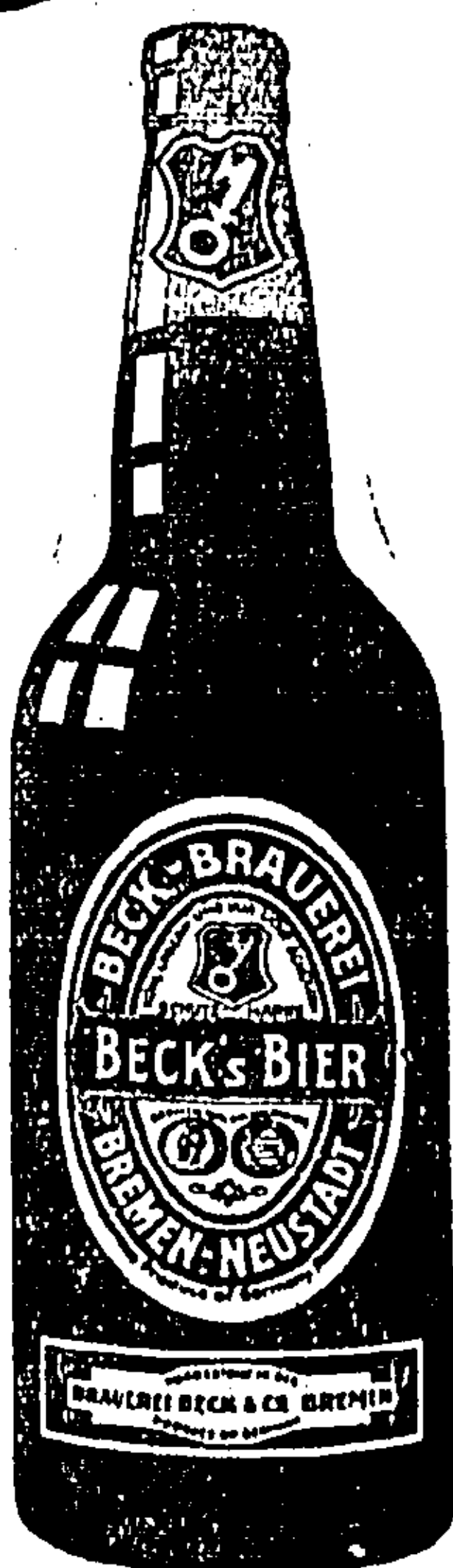
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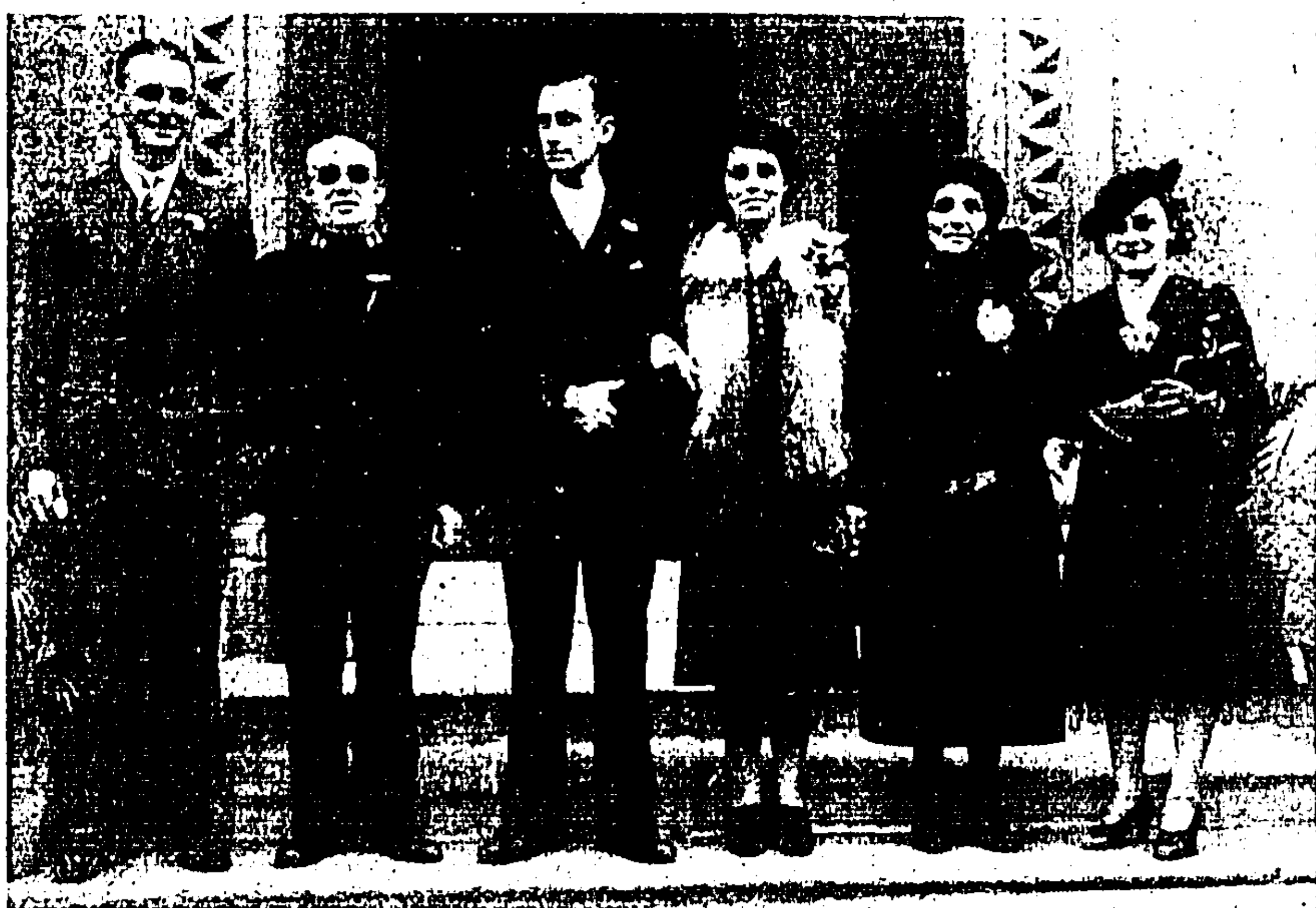
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"IF I WERE KING"

PHOTO NEWS



Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. L. A. Scopes, Vice-Consul in Shameen, and Miss Brunhilde S. Rolfo, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. V. E. Rolfo.—King's Studio.



An enjoyable Christmas dinner party for service men was recently given by the Ladies Committee of the Cheero Club when the above photograph was taken.—King's Studio.



The shops in Hongkong are contributing to the Christmas spirit by decorating their windows for the celebrations.

LEFT: Dodwell and Co. advertise hampers.

BELOW: "Craven A" is prominently displayed in another Dodwell window.

AT BOTTOM: The Lane, Crawford toy window.

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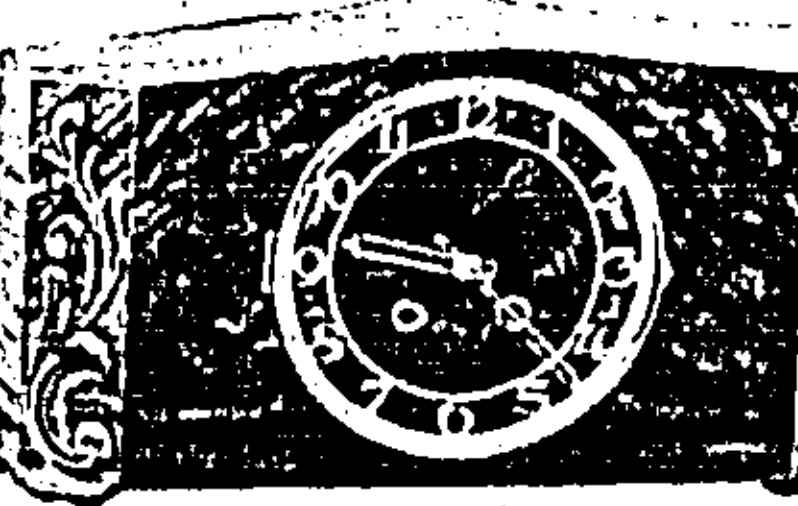
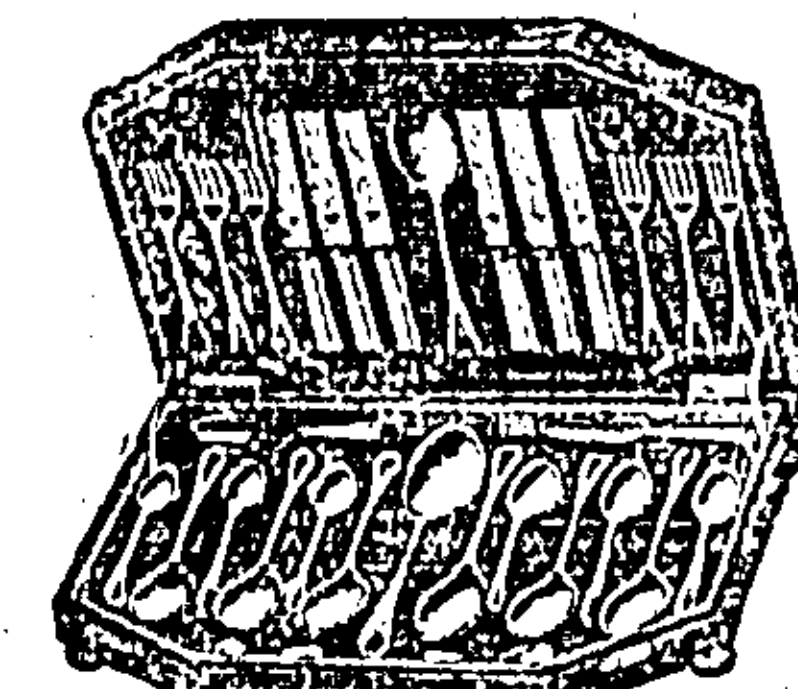
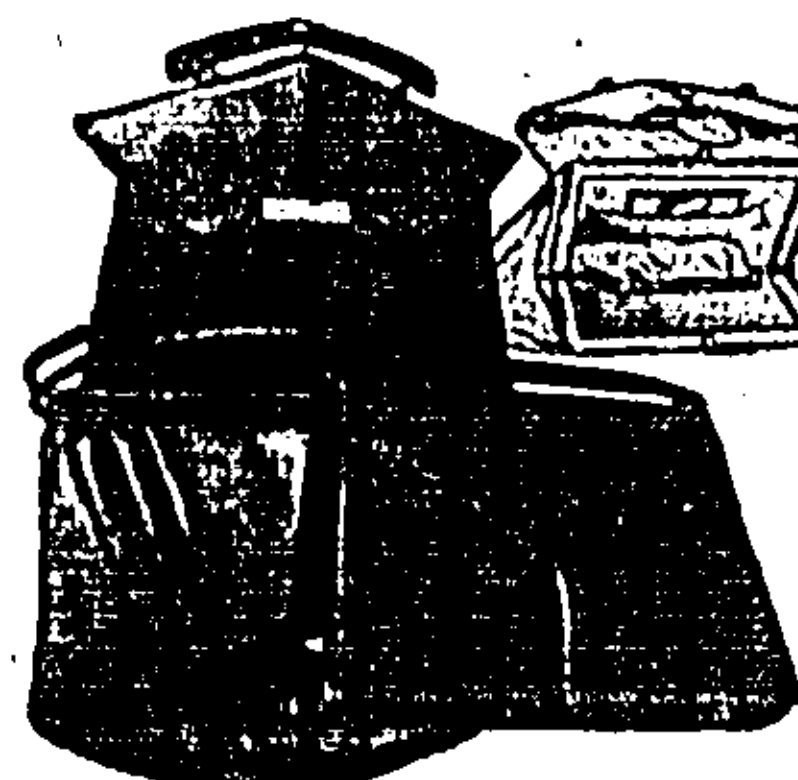
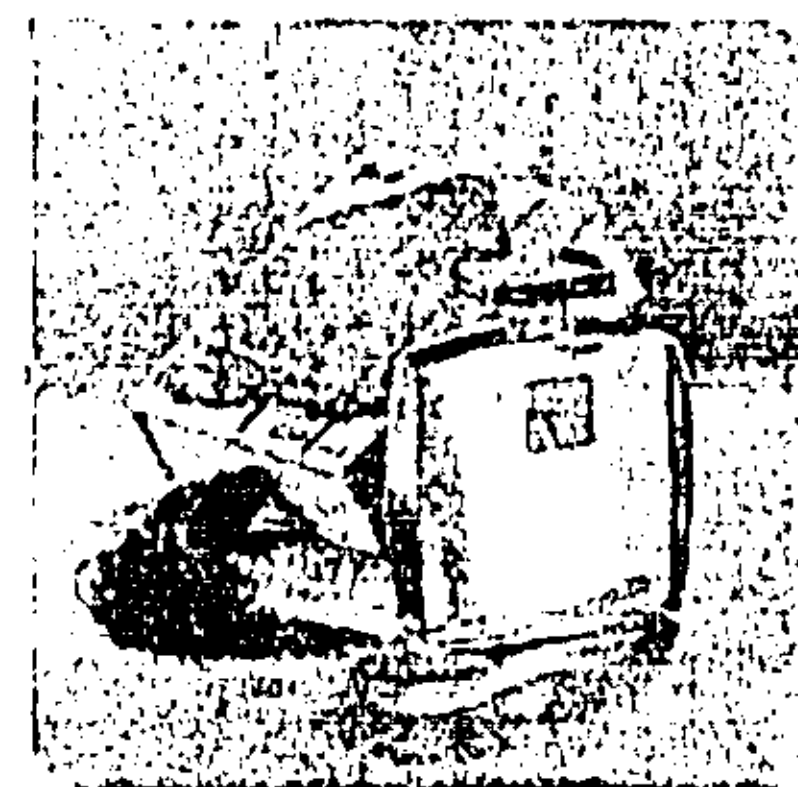
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DUCHESS DEFEATED Unexpected Result Of Kinross Election

London, Dec. 22. The Government candidate, Mr. W. McNair Snadden, scored an unexpected victory by a majority of 1,313 over the Duchess of Atholl, standing as an Independent, in the Kinross, West Perthshire, by-election.

Tax Tokens Hoarded

El Reno, Okla. The state puts out sales tax tokens by the thousands here but redeems them only by the hundreds. "We have come to the conclusion," says the son of a Presbyterial minister, "that someone either is hoarding the little one-and-five-cent pieces or burying them in wholesale lots."

ROBBED MISTRESS

Ungrateful House-Boy Gambles With Loot

Taking advantage of his mistress' absence, a house-boy, Chan Kwong, 20, stole a leather suitcase containing four gold bangles, six gold finger rings, a piece of jade, gold necklace, brooch, fountain pen, gold wrist-watch, metal pocket watch, \$100 in Shanghai currency, and two handbags, the whole worth several hundred dollars, and fled to Macao, where he disposed of the greater part of the property, and used the money in gambling.

The story of the theft was told to Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Durkin said Chan was formerly employed by complainant's husband, and after his death, complainant, Wu Yiu-hing, took Chan into her employ at No. 144 Gloucester Road. Chan worked there about three weeks, and apparently knew where the jewellery was kept.

When he was arrested in Macao, only two watches, the piece of jade and the gold necklace were recovered. Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

Mr. P. H. Sin appeared for the complainant.

CUFF-LINKS STOLEN

A line of \$30, or five weeks' hard labour, was imposed on Pang Siu-man, unemployed, by Mr. E. Hims-worth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, for larceny of gold cuff-links valued at \$17, from the Wing Tai Jewellery shop, No. 3 Canton Road, on Monday.

To Hing-man, a girl employed by the shop, stated that defendant with two others entered and looked at the cuff-links. He asked to see one of the other two men whereupon all three ran out. Only defendant was arrested.

THREE MAKES HAUL

Entering No. 3 Jordan Road on Wednesday a thief stole jewellery, money and clothing valued at \$100, belonging to Wong Yung-fai.

LOSSES REPORTED

The loss of a Rolex wrist-watch, and a gold watch chain, valued at \$250, somewhere between Sun Wui Camp and the Fanling cross-roads on December 19, has been reported to the police by Li Nawab Zaba Quidilbash, of the 5th/6th Rajputana Rifles.

Mrs. S. Wates, of 224 Nathan Road, has reported that she lost her wrist-watch, valued at \$20, in the lounge of the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday.

Miss Martina Feneza has reported that she lost her fountain pen in her office in the Stock Exchange Building on Tuesday. The pen was valued at \$37.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations to Charitable And Other Funds

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Salvation Army: Mr. W. Spence, \$10.

BLIND GIRLS HOME

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Industrial Home for Blind Girls: Mr. W. Spence, \$10.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donations to the Society for the Protection of Children: The Four Buddhas, \$10; Mr. W. Spence, \$10.

In memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. White: Miss Wentworth \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Rathmell, \$1; Class Lower 5, D.G.S., \$1.

STREET SLEEPERS

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donations to the Street Sleepers' Shelter Society: The Four Buddhas, \$10; Hongkong University Christian Association, \$40.73.

DONATIONS WAITING

Donations are lying at the Business Office of the South China Morning Post for the following: Chinese Soldiers' War Relief; Emergency Refugee Council; Tung Wah Hospital; St. Vincent de Paul; Salvation Army; Street Sleepers' Shelter Society; Industrial Home for Blind Girls.

Australian Mail

Coming By Delia This Morning

The Imperial Airways plane Delphinus reached Kai Tak at 4 p.m. yesterday with 700 kilos of mail from the United Kingdom. The Delia is expected at Kai Tak at 11 a.m. today with Australian mail.

A consignment of flowers arrived by the plane yesterday, and earlier this week a small case of insects from Batavia came through. They will be sent by Clipper to Honolulu to scientists investigating pineapple plagues.

Two planes are due on Christmas Day with mails.

BY AIR FRANCE

The following passengers reached Hongkong at 11.30 a.m. yesterday from Hanoi: Messrs. Leighton, J. Rondon, Walsh, W. Jenks, Ryder, Major Pritchard, Van Sickle, and two Chinese passengers.

ATTEMPT ON RECORD

Milano, Dec. 22. The German aviator, Pulkowski, yesterday left Bengal airport in Lybia in a small Avia type of plane equipped with 100 horse power Hirth engine. In an attempt to establish a long distance flight record for regular air service, Pulkowski will make his first stop in Calcutta and will then proceed in stages to Australia.—Trans-Ocean.

AIR SERVICE

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

Outward
For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. December 23; 7 a.m. December 27.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. services indefinite.
For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam: Pan American Philippine Clipper 8.30 a.m. December 29; China Clipper 8.30 January 5.

For France via Hanoi: Air France, 6.30 a.m. December 24.

Inward

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways Delia, 11 a.m. December 23; Imperial Airways Dec. 23.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweichow: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.
From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Pan American Philippine Clipper 12.30 p.m. December 28; China Clipper 12.30 p.m. January 4.

From France via Hanoi: Air France, 12.30 p.m. December 29.

CONTROL OF AMOY

Inauguration of New City Government

Shanghai, Dec. 22. A new City Government of the important port of Amoy in Fukien province will, it is reported, be inaugurated in order to replace the present Japanese-controlled Peace Maintenance Commission.

It is believed that January 1 has been fixed as the inauguration date. Amoy is the only port occupied by the Japanese on the vast stretch of coast between Shanghai and Canton. The Japanese hold only the town itself, the immediate hinterland of which is in Chinese hands.—Trans-Ocean.

"THE THREE BEARS"

Mrs. O. C. Womack and her cast have every reason to feel happy at the warm support afforded by the public to their little Pantomime "The Three Bears," given this week at the Helena May Institute. Every seat was sold for all three performances, and many took tickets for "standing-room-only."

The children in the audience shouted with pleasure at the antics of the Bears, and were duly thrilled by the Picaninies, the Coon and the Bogyman. Little Vivien Ralston, who played "Silkylocks," proved to be most popular with the audience, who also appreciated the dainty dancing of Suzanne Compton and the "Christmas Fairy," while Mr. T. R. Rowell scored a great success as the British "Bobby."

Y.M.C.A. FIXTURES

The following European Y.M.C.A. fixtures are notified:
Saturday, Dec. 23, Christmas Day. Cant Service at 9 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 26, Boxing Day. "Cinderella" at 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 27, "Cinderella" at 9 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 28, Services Christmas Dinner and Concert at 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29, Badminton at 8.30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 30, Women's Section: Bridge Class at 10 a.m. and Practice Play. Badminton at 8.30 p.m.

LATE NEWS

Air Mail Delayed Until 1 P.M.

Stormy weather over the Gulf of Tonkin delayed the departure of the Imperial Airways Delia by over an hour this morning at Hanoi. The Delia is now expected at Kai Tak at 1 p.m. with Australian mail.

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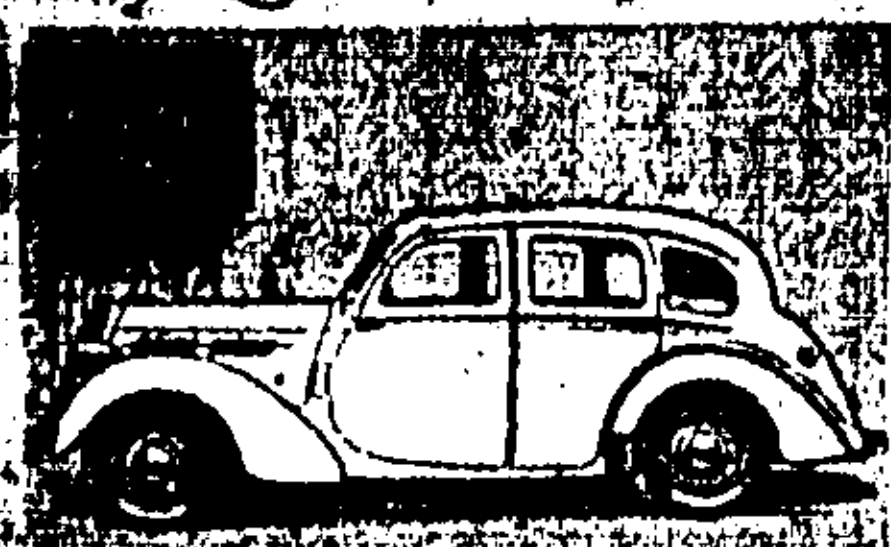
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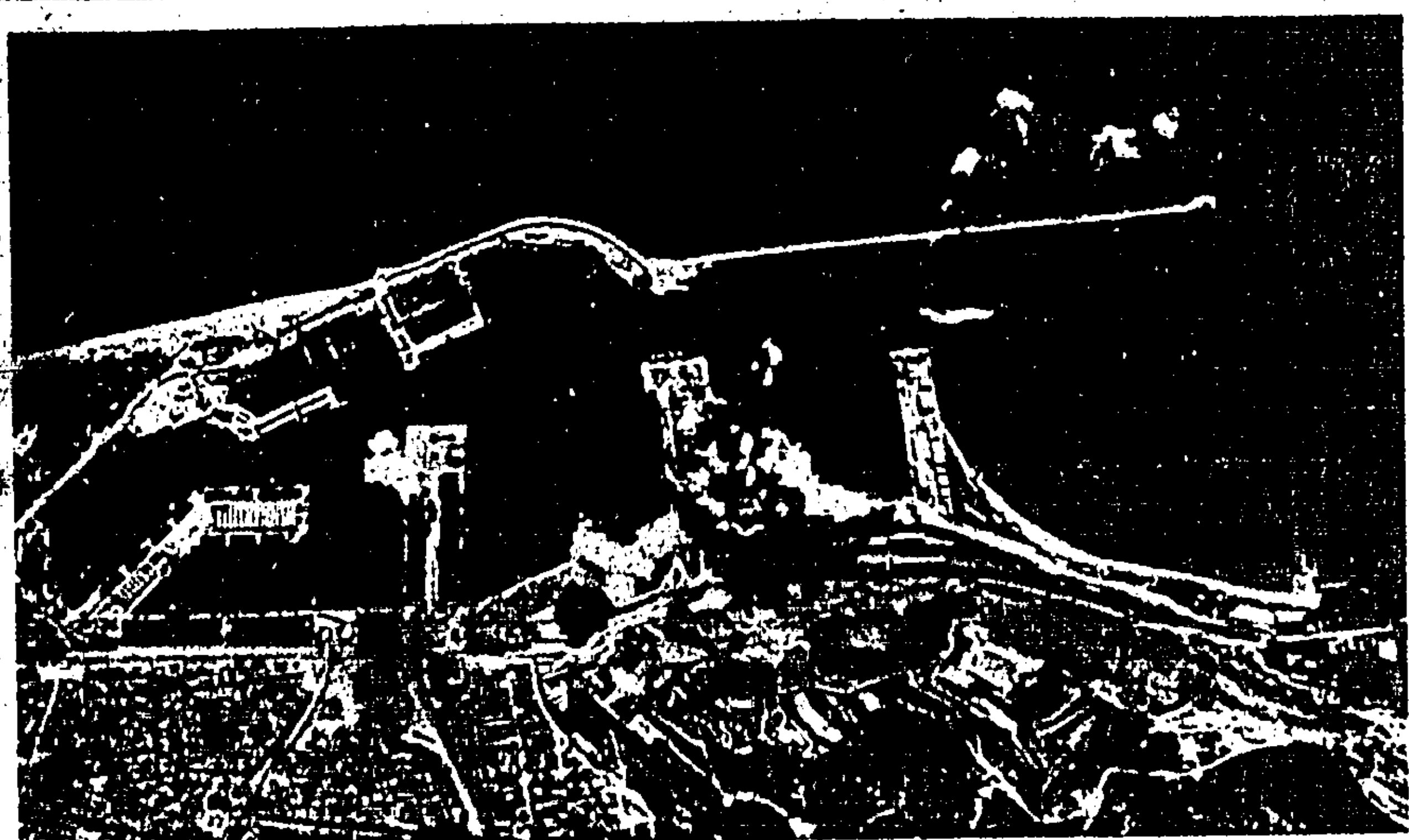
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ATTACKED BY ITALIAN "Legionary" bombers, Barcelona, capital of Catalonia, photographed from one of the raiders, with bombs bursting on the quays and among shipping, and one ship making off to sea.

TOKYO PAPER DEMANDS RETURN OF H.K. TO CHINA

Japanese Terms For Ending War

TOKYO, Dec. 23. BROADCASTING last night, Premier Prince Konoye laid down the conclusion of a Sino-Japanese anti-Comintern Pact, and the placing of economic co-operation between China and Japan on a footing of equality as the guiding principles for the readjustment of relations between Japan and the New China.

The inauguration of full diplomatic relations between Manchukuo and China was another principle mentioned by Prince Konoye.

The Premier's statement in connection with a Sino-Japanese anti-Comintern Pact says that Japan in this matter demands that Japanese troops be stationed at specific points as long as the pact is in force.

In connection with economic co-operation, the Premier declared that Japan does not intend to exercise economic monopoly in China, and she does not intend to demand China to limit her interests with third Powers who grasp the meaning of a new East Asia, and are willing to act accordingly.

Furthermore, "Japan not only respects the sovereignty of China, but she is prepared to give positive consideration of the questions of the abolition of extrajurisdiction and the rendition of concessions and settlements, matters which are necessary for the full independence of China," Reuter.

RECALLING THAT HONGKONG was ceded to Great Britain as a result of the "inhuman" Opium War of 1841, the influential "Kokumin Shimbun" demands that Britain should be forced to withdraw west of the Arabian Sea.

"The British Colony of Hongkong has now been turned into a base for smuggling activities in South China," the newspaper asserts.

"There are no moral grounds whatever on which Britain can base any claims for retention of this important Chinese port. Least of all, has Britain any claims to what are known as the New Territories."

"If the present situation is allowed to continue without being remedied, the demand will eventually be made that Britain should abandon Hongkong and Singapore and withdraw its garrisons from India."

"The exploitation of these centres of the Orient has compromised the cause of lasting peace in Asia."

The "Kokumin Shimbun" is not alone in its attack on Britain.

The "Nichi-Nichi" predicts that the recent British and American loans to China will be followed by "more bluff," economic pressure and propaganda against Japan in an attempt to create an international situation which will compel Japan to yield.

The "Nichi-Nichi" instances the rumour of an inevitable outbreak of war between Japan and the Soviet Union in April next year which, it claims originated in London, and is a "typical case of British propaganda against Japan."—Reuter and "Telegraph" Special.



RONALD EGAN

MISSING H.K. YOUTH HOME AGAIN

RONALD EGAN, 20-year-old Hongkong youth who has been missing from his home in Kowloon since Tuesday, returned shortly before noon today.

"I have just had a report that he has arrived home," said his father, Mr. J. Egan.

"I cannot say yet where he has been, beyond that he came back from Macao."

"I want to thank the newspapers, the shipping companies, the police department and the broadcasting station for all the help they have given."

Narrow Margin In Daladier Vote

Paris, Dec. 22. By the narrow margin of seven votes (291 against 284) the Chamber of Deputies passed a motion of confidence in the Government, supporting authorization of new taxation and empowering the Government to levy 10,000 million francs additional direct and indirect taxes to enable balancing of the 1939 budget.—United Press.

3,000 Dens In Colony, Speaker Alleges

LONDON, Dec. 22. LIEUT.-COMMANDER R. T. H. FLETCHER (Lab.) raised matters in the House of Commons to-day on a motion for the Christmas adjournment arising from the report of the advisory committee on drugs at Geneva.

He reviewed the proceedings there, and asked what was the "vigorous action" being taken by the British Government in accordance with a resolution regarding the drug traffic passed at Geneva, which reiterated that the situation in China was deteriorating under Japanese influence.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher referred to the situation in Hongkong, where the local Government was unable to cope with the drug traffic.

He said there were over 3,000 heroin dens in Hongkong, and over 300,000 opium and heroin pills were consumed there daily, and there were 40,000 opium addicts.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher mentioned Russell Pasha's report, and said: "His allegations are in respect to the drug traffic in areas under direct and indirect Japanese control."

JAPAN UNDOING GOOD WORK

The speaker charged Japan with undoing the League's good work and of fostering illicit drug traffic throughout the world as an instrument of policy to promote the degradation of the Chinese. If those charges were true, he would like to ask the House how far we could call Japan a civilized nation.

"It has never had a very great contribution for the British slogan that trade follows the flag, but he preferred it to the Japanese slogan that drugs follow the flag."

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher quoted reported facts and figures in the course of a scathing indictment of Japan in connection with drugs.

Mr. R. A. Butler, replying, gave the House information derived by the Government from various parts of the Far East.

One very serious feature of the growth of the traffic was the growth in the use of heroin, which was far more serious to us than opium—itsself a terrible gripping vice.

After referring to the steps now being taken by the British and Japanese authorities in mutually communicating information regarding the proceedings and movements of persons known to be engaged in the illicit traffic, Mr. Butler said that although it might not give an immediate solution to a grave problem, it at least meant that we were in close touch with the representatives of Japan, and that thus we were able to illustrate the gravity we attached to the matter.

NOT DELIBERATE

Reviewing the position, Mr. Butler said that from information in the possession of Viscount Halifax, there was no evidence that the increase in drug traffic in China was the outcome of any deliberate plan on the part of the Japanese Government, or that it

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INSKIP OUT OF GOVT., SAYS REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 22. SIR THOMAS INSKIP, Minister for the Co-Ordination of National Defence, has tendered his resignation to Mr. Chamberlain, according to the London "Evening News."

The Premier has refused to accept the resignation.

A statement from official quarters regarding Sir Thomas Inskip's intention to resign has not yet been made.

According to the "Evening News," Sir Thomas offered his resignation to the Premier in order to facilitate the eventual re-organisation of the Cabinet.

—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Sharply Rejects Strong Nazi Protest

BERLIN, Dec. 22. THE GERMAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES in Washington has made a demarche to Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, energetically protesting against the speech delivered by Mr. Harold Ickes on December 18, in the course of which he hotly criticised Fascism, Nazism and the European dictators.

In an inspired statement to the foreign press, the Charge d'Affaires described Mr. Ickes' remarks as "vulgar, invective, and defamatory declarations."

Well-informed circles consider the incident of Mr. Harold Ickes, whose anti-German speech has called forth an official demarche, merely as one of a series of events during the past few days exemplifying the stiffening of the American policy against the anti-Comintern Powers, the other indications being the credits extended to China, and the food to be sent to Spain.

It is recognised that if all the members of the Cabinet expressed themselves as freely as Mr. Ickes habitually does, the Government would be embarrassed, but Mr. Ickes has a special position of being the "whipping boy" for the Administration, often saying aloud what other eminent members must reserve for their intimates.

Hence the Administration can turn over an apology to the Reich without hypocrisy. Moreover, members of the State Department are thoroughly irked by what they regard as the attempted sabotage of the Lima conference by totalitarian emissaries, and are not in a mood to conciliate those who are believed to be guilty of provocation elsewhere.—Reuter.

U.S. WON'T APOLOGISE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. Mr. Sumner Welles disclosed today that the United States had rejected Germany's demand for an official apology for the speech delivered by Mr. Harold Ickes on December 18, in which he denounced Fascism as a "crueller, if more refined, voodooism," and an ever-present threat to the United States, France and England.

Mr. Welles' statements to the German Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Thomsen, was couched in strong and uncompromising terms, which the United States (Continued on Page 4.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. "AS GOD IS MY JUDGE, I am the victim of a Wall Street plunder and blackmail in a struggle for honest existence," concludes a note by Coster-Musica, written on the night before his suicide. The note was discovered and made public by his lawyer.

The note exonerated his wife and brothers from any blame, saying: "my poor loving wife was ignorant of conditions," and that his brothers merely acted on his instructions because they believed it to be right, and trusted him.

Coster (whose real name is Musica) declared: "Bankers, lawyers, auditors, appraisers and incompetent high-saluted executives have bled McKesson, Robbins white."

The note said that the company should have been in the receivership's hands in 1930 and again in 1932 if its profits had not been bolstered in a frantic effort to save it.

The letter denied that narcotics and alcohol were involved in his (Continued on Page 4.)

NAVAL REVIEW IN H.K. Commander-in-Chief to Take Salute

THE ANNUAL INSPECTION of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine landing parties by the Commander-in-Chief, His Excellency Sir Percy Noble, will take place at Happy Valley on January 4, at 10 a.m.

Three seamen battalions and one close column, after which they will form a hollow square in front of the saluting base and be addressed by the Commander-in-Chief.

At the conclusion of the inspection, which will be at 10.45 a.m., the Commander-in-Chief, who will be mounted, will head the column off and proceed to another saluting base in Fenwick Street, Wanchai, where the Brigade will march past.

Rehearsals are being held in connection with the inspection, and a full dress rehearsal will take place on January 3.

The Commander-in-Chief will arrive at the racecourse at 10 a.m. and inspect the Brigade in line. The Brigade will then march past in

PLEDGE BY KOREANS TO GOVERNMENT

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22. THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S PARTY has issued the following message to the Chinese people, pledging support for the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and China's resistance to Japanese invasion:

"It is more than sixteen months now since China began to fight her war of resistance against the invasion of the Japanese militarists."

"The entire Chinese army and people, under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang, fighting with undaunted spirit, have not only smashed the Japanese military's dream of a 'quick war,' but have also been able to take offensive measures, and achieved results in prolonged warfare."

"Japan has sent more than one million troops to China, invading from south and north and east with all her might."

"Innumerable cities have been destroyed by Japanese vandalism. But the opposition she met has greatly tired her, and she is now on the verge of collapse. Now mired deep in the interior, she will be soon forced disadvantageously to fight decisive battles in mountainous regions."

"On China's part, her resistance is for national existence. Under such circumstances, the greater sacrifices she makes, the stronger will be her will to resist. With the entire nation determined to fight to the last, it is certain that the final victory will be hers, and the two main objects, namely, enemy-resistance (Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

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Royal Family Leave For Sandringham

London, Dec. 22. The King and Queen, accompanied by Queen Mary and Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, left King's Cross Station this afternoon for Wolferton on their way to Sandringham for Christmas.

This morning, the Princesses visited an exhibition of dolls and wardrobes presented to them by the children of France. With their governess they spent more than an hour at the exhibition.

"Since it opened on December 10, there has been an average attendance each day of more than 1,700 people and practically all the members of the Royal family have visited it. It has now been decided that the exhibition will remain open until January 7. Receipts from the charges for admission will be divided between French and British children's charities.—British Wireless.

GAOLED MAYFAIR MAN'S FATHER FOUND DEAD

WITHIN a few hours of learning that his son, one of the four young Mayfair men who raided a country house, had been sent to prison for 18 months, John Wirth Miller (58) was recently found dead in a gas-filled room at his Folkestone home.

Police made the discovery when they were called to the house in Bouverie Road West, following a smell of gas.

The night before Mr. Miller and his wife heard that their 25-year-old son, William John Miller, had been sentenced at Derby Assizes that day for his part with three others in breaking into a house at Chinley and stealing articles worth £300.

The son, formerly a solicitor's clerk in Folkestone, was then living at Archer Street, W.

"They felt the disgrace keenly," said a friend of the family, "and for some days before the trial Mr. Miller had been depressed."

"Father and son were estranged. When the son lived at home they did not speak to one another. I think the father felt that his son's mode of living would bring about his downfall sooner or later."

Mr. Miller, a German by birth, was a naturalised Englishman. He had been interned during the war at Alexandra Park.

He took out naturalisation papers after the war and for many years had lived at Folkestone, where he helped his wife to run a boarding-house.

DEADLY ARRIVALS AT THE ZOO

THE Zoo has just received one of its most dangerous consignments.

One hundred rattlesnakes (a bite from one can cause death in 20

"The Return Of The Duke"

The Duke of Windsor has accepted a march entitled "The Return of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor," composed and sent to him by Mr. Johnny Colnen and Miss H. Williamson, of Worthing, Sussex.

A letter of acceptance was received recently from the Duke's secretary.

Johnny Colnen wrote the music for the Edgar Wallace play, "The Crimson Circle." He is a violinist and Miss Williamson is his accompanist.



Mrs. C. I. Shand's pupils photographed at their recent annual pianoforte recital.—Ming Yuen.

Girl Conscious Again After 100 Days

AFTER being unconscious for more than 100 days, Miss Jenny Atken has recovered consciousness and has been moved from hospital at Leven (Fife) to a nursing home.

Saves Babies

The difficulty of carrying out blood transfusions on very young children has been solved.

An apparatus has been designed by a member of the medical staff at the Royal Waterloo Hospital, and installed there, which makes it possible to give transfusions to babies only a few hours old.

The importance of the discovery is emphasised by the fact that there has recently been considerable mortality among London children from what has been called "summer sickness," though the complaint is not confined to any one season.

Where blood transfusion could be carried out the baby's life was almost invariably saved.

Her condition, however, is still serious.

The girl, an Anstruther bus conductress, fell from a bus as it was being driven through Leven, and received severe head injuries.

PARENTS' VIGIL

Her father and mother and other members of the family visited the hospital daily and kept vigil at the girl's bedside.

Her 28th birthday was celebrated while she lay unconscious.

Last year a London woman was unconscious for 135 days after falling from the roof of an Oxford Street store.

The new apparatus, is so simple that it can be got into action in three minutes, and all the parts that need sterilising could be packed in a half-pint mug.

School's Air Defence Squadron

LATIMER Upper School, Hammersmith, is the first school in the country to form an Air Defence Cadet Squadron.

The Air League of the British Empire aims to raise such cadet units in every town of 40,000 or more inhabitants, and cadets receive spare time training in aviation subjects.

Mr. F. Wilkinson, the headmaster, said, "The unit will be self-supporting and it will have the backing of the whole school."

"Henometer" Stamps Eggs

SYDNEY, Australia. Hens in Australia will soon be punching time clocks just like office and factory workers. A "Henometer" has been invented, which will automatically stamp each egg with the breed of the hen and the date of the egg. The device is intended to prevent the sale of preserved eggs for fresh ones.

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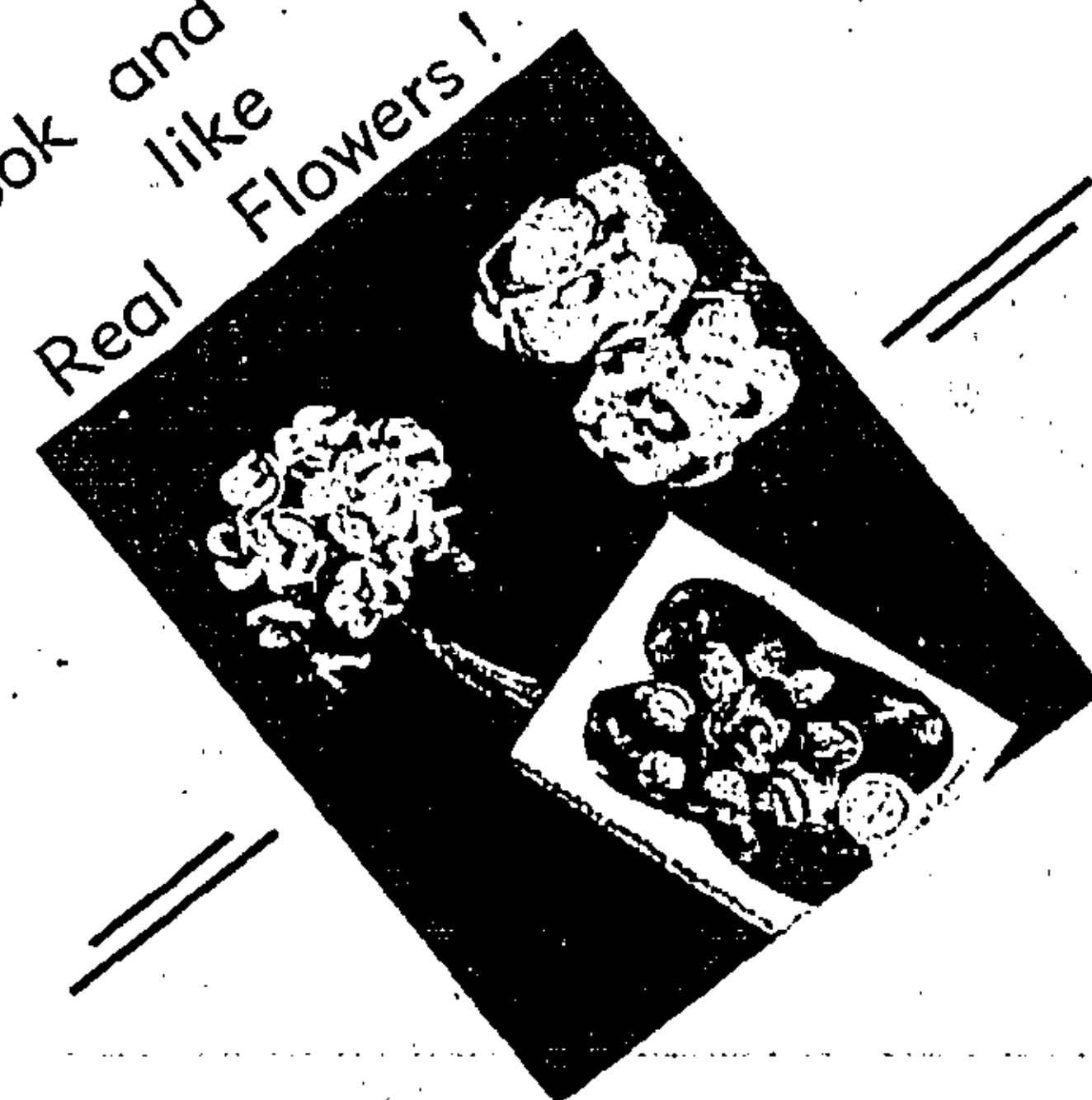
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F162—Gonna Wed That Gal of Mine. F.T.
F189—Mommy, I Don't Want to Go to Bed. W. EDDIE CARROLL'S ORCH.
F189—He Wooded Her & Wooded Her. C.W.
F160—We're Gonna Have Smooth Sailing. F.T.
F160—Lookie, Lookie, Here Comes Cookie. F.T.
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F157—Algeron Wilkesnoop. F.T.
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Lord George Scott pictured with his fiancée, Miss Molly Bishop, outside the London nursing home where the latter has been a patient. As a result of Miss Bishop's illness the wedding has had to be postponed for a short while.

"Dummy Arms Cargo": More Evidence

MORE evidence about a "dummy arms cargo" was given at Bow-street recently when three men were charged with conspiracy to defraud the director of a Paris arms firm.

Frederick William, 50, metal merchant, of Tavistock-court, Tavistock-square, W.C., his son James, 24, metal merchant, of Dorset House, and Dennis Michael Corrigan, 46, an agent, of Park-lane, W., were charged with conspiring with Chou Tin Shu and others unknown, to cheat M. Theodore Lafitte of £7,250.

They are further charged with attempting to obtain a further £4,000 from M. Lafitte.

STONES AND SHAVINGS

It was alleged that M. Lafitte was told that certain armaments could be obtained from Woolwich Arsenal and was shown fictitious documents purporting to come from the Chinese Embassy.

M. Lafitte agreed to buy 50 machine-guns and half-a-million rounds of ammunition, and paid £7,250.

When the goods arrived at Marseilles the cases were found to contain old stones and tyres, and wood shavings.

ARGUMENT IN FLAT

Leonard Joseph Myloski of Forburg-road, Stoke Newington, an export and import merchant, said he agreed to supply Corrigan with 550 cases of arms and munitions for China.

Later Corrigan said he wanted the cases for a dummy consignment as he suspected they were going to Spain. He said the correct consignment was already somewhere on the Continent.

Mr. Myloski said that he heard an altercation in Corrigan's flat between Shu, Corrigan and Frederick William. Frederick William seemed to want an explanation about his son's detention or arrest in Marseilles.

BY BANK OF CHINA

Mr. Andrew Aitken, assistant manager of the Chase Bank of New York, told Mr. Du Cann that the manager of the Bank of China introduced Shu to his bank.

Did he introduce him as a relative of Chiang Kai-Shek, the Chinese

Gracie Declines To Stop Being A "Comic"

Gracie Fields has no intention of adopting recent suggestions that she should stand for Parliament. Before she sailed from Southampton for America in the Normandie recently she said:

"I could not wrestle with that department—my own job gives me all the wrestling I can manage. Anyway, I'm not a bit interested in politics."

"I SHALL CARRY ON"

"I have no desire for anything more than my job and plenty of good songs to sing," she said.

"I haven't even got a yearning to play any character other than my own—Hamlet included—and so long as I can go on being comic I shall be happy."

"As for making films in America, I like Americans very much, but my home and all my interests are here in England, so why should I leave them?"

"I shall just keep on carrying on as I am."

HER NEW PICTURE

Gracie is crossing to America to discuss with Darryl Zannuck and Monty Banks details of her new picture, "Sally of the Shipyards," in which the building of the new liner Queen Elizabeth will form the background.

She heard that her last film, "Keep Smiling," which Mr. Banks took to America with him a fortnight ago, has been accepted without a single cut.

Also aboard the Normandie were Marlene Dietrich and Cary Grant, the Bristol-born Hollywood star.

Nurse, 'Mother' At 10

The 10-years-old daughter of a 24-years-old fisherman acted as little mother to a sister aged two and as a nurse to a bedridden grandmother, it was stated at Grimsby recently.

Charles Frederick Lodge was sent to prison for three months for neglecting his daughters, Gwendoline, aged 10, and Henrietta.

Inspector Cook said the mother of the children was dead and the father left them in the care of their grandmother, who was 65, and paralysed. Lodge was found to be living with a married woman at another address.

Lodge denied that he had been cruel. He said he was unemployed and had done what he could for the girls.

Fell From A Pylon . . .

THROUGH touching a "live" wire while working on an electricity pylon, Mr. F. Fisher, of Richmond-avenue, Latchford, Warrington, Lancashire, was thrown to the ground and was killed.

Generalissimo, and a brother-in-law of Dr. Kung?—Not to my knowledge. Mr. Percy William A. Munday, a Foreign Office official, said that the name of Chou Tin Shu had never been submitted to the Foreign Office as an official of the Chinese Embassy. The case was adjourned.

A VICAR HATED SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. L. Minchin, for many years superintendent of St. Gabriel's Church Sunday School, East Ham, now closed by the vicar, recently said "Good-bye" to the children.

The vicar (the Rev. Cecil Clark) believes that Sunday schools are "based on two fallacies," and says, "as a child I hated being forced to attend."

With Miss E. Musto, who has been in charge of the girls for 24 years, Mr. Minchin shook the children by the hand and urged them not to forsake the church.

PARENTS MAY ACT

Some of the parents have decided to organise a petition to the Bishop of Chelmsford.

The vicar's plan is to replace Sunday school teachers by monitors in charge of "wards" and a head monitor.

After the vicar has instructed the children at a catechism service they will be questioned and awarded marks.

A seat will be allotted in the church to each child.

"NO PERSONAL DIFFICULTY"

"The change is in no way due to any personal difficulty between the teachers and myself," said the vicar. "It is the third church in which I have made the change. In any case surely the children have enough of school during the week."

Fried Chicken "In Rough"

Boise City, Ida. "Chicken in the Rough" is now being served in local restaurants, although it originated at Oklahoma City. It consists merely of chicken cooked in the usual way, but eaten without knife or fork. No holds are banned. Plenty of napkins are provided.

"Sister Act" In Divorce

San Francisco. Although unrelated, Mrs. Edith Arnett and Mrs. Winon Hodges played a "sister act" in Superior Court here. Each asked for a divorce from her respective husband, and each acted as the corroborating witness for the other. Both got interlocutory decrees.

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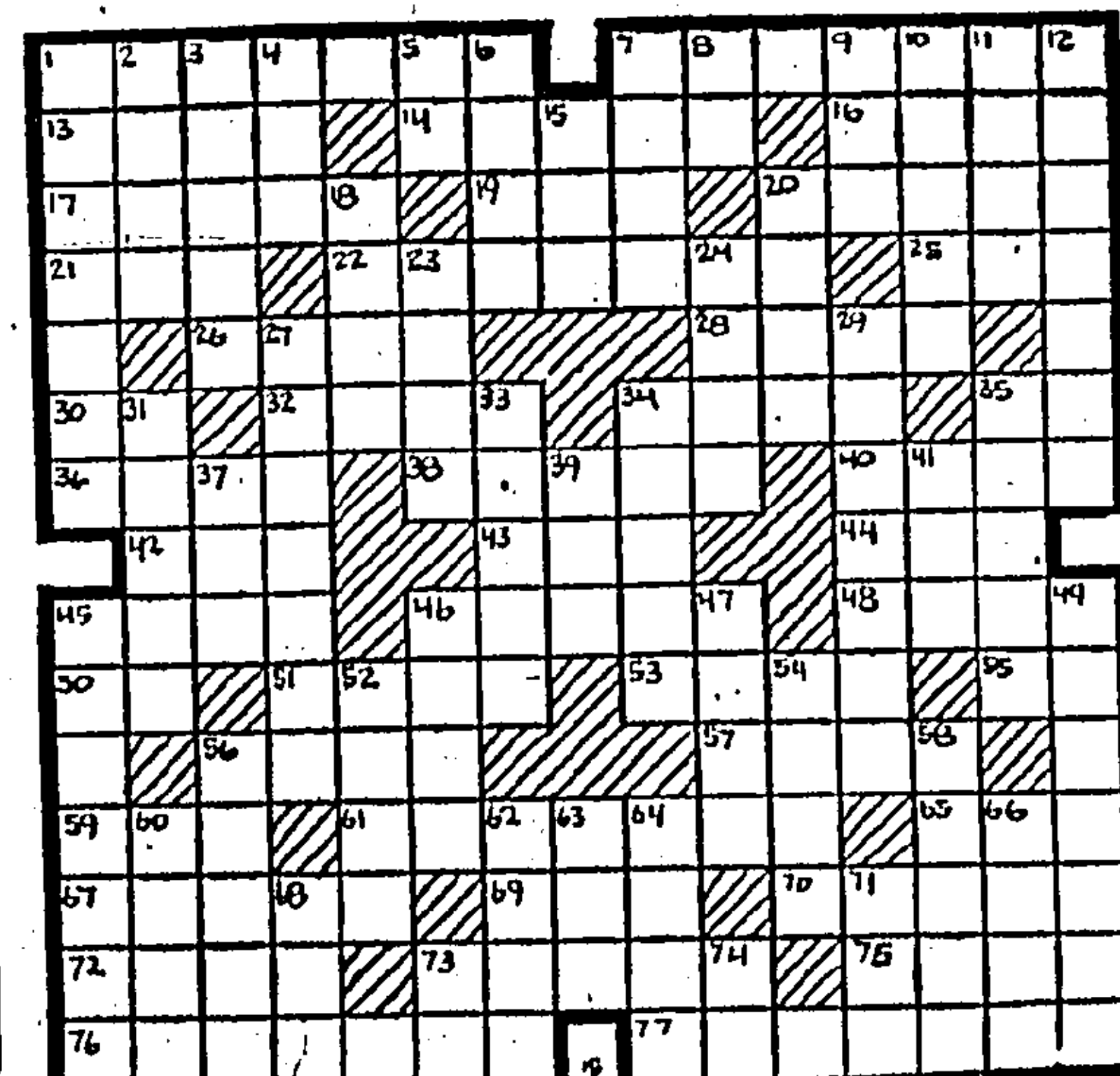


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Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1—One of Romance languages</p> <p>2—Exotic mammal</p> <p>3—Cooling rabbit</p> <p>4—Fertile soil to desert</p> <p>5—Unit of surface</p> <p>6—Beat people</p> <p>7—Civil War general</p> <p>8—Aquatic mammal</p> <p>9—Fate of radio</p> <p>10—Part of radio receiving system</p> <p>11—Produce with difficulty</p> <p>12—Painful</p> <p>13—In the beginning (poetic)</p> <p>14—Forward</p> <p>15—Stimulus knot</p> <p>16—Hemlock</p> <p>17—Twenty-two seventeen</p> <p>18—Cut off closely</p> <p>19—Tireless</p> <p>20—Heroic poem</p> <p>21—Hearing organ</p> <p>22—Worthless leaving</p> <p>23—Pail</p> <p>24—Day of month</p> <p>25—Type of potato</p> <p>26—Fate of circum-termer</p> <p>27—Editor (abbr.)</p> <p>28—Holler</p> <p>29—Performer</p> <p>30—This boy</p> <p>31—Body of land surrounded by water</p> <p>32—Soft parts of paws</p> <p>33—Oak of resistance</p> <p>34—Olives notice to</p> <p>35—Sewing utensil</p> <p>36—Long</p> <p>37—Writing style</p> <p>38—Collection of cists</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1—Kind of paint</p> <p>2—Sacred Indian language</p> <p>3—First alarm of sodas</p> <p>4—Share</p> <p>5—At all events</p> <p>6—Shop</p> <p>7—Carriage</p>	<p>8—Under name of</p> <p>9—Carpet</p> <p>10—First eight lines of sonnet</p> <p>11—Mistake</p> <p>12—Disaster</p> <p>13—Use eyes</p> <p>14—Tern</p> <p>15—Device for moving boat</p> <p>16—Tide</p> <p>17—Leaves</p> <p>18—Law-like birds</p> <p>19—Person in charge of domestic affairs of ship</p> <p>20—Walk on</p> <p>21—Make monastic sound</p> <p>22—Fried</p> <p>23—Squere between thumb and forefinger</p> <p>24—Cervical</p> <p>25—Perfect score</p> <p>26—Zodiac</p> <p>27—Snow vehicle</p> <p>28—Drink excessively</p> <p>29—Articles of furniture</p> <p>30—Arduous</p> <p>31—Ornament</p> <p>32—Likeness</p> <p>33—Overcrowd</p> <p>34—At this place</p> <p>35—Small bottle</p> <p>36—Inner particulars</p> <p>37—Give oblique position to</p> <p>38—Wind instrument</p> <p>39—Straight piece of wood</p> <p>40—Piece of cloth</p> <p>41—Profit good</p> <p>42—Note of scale</p>
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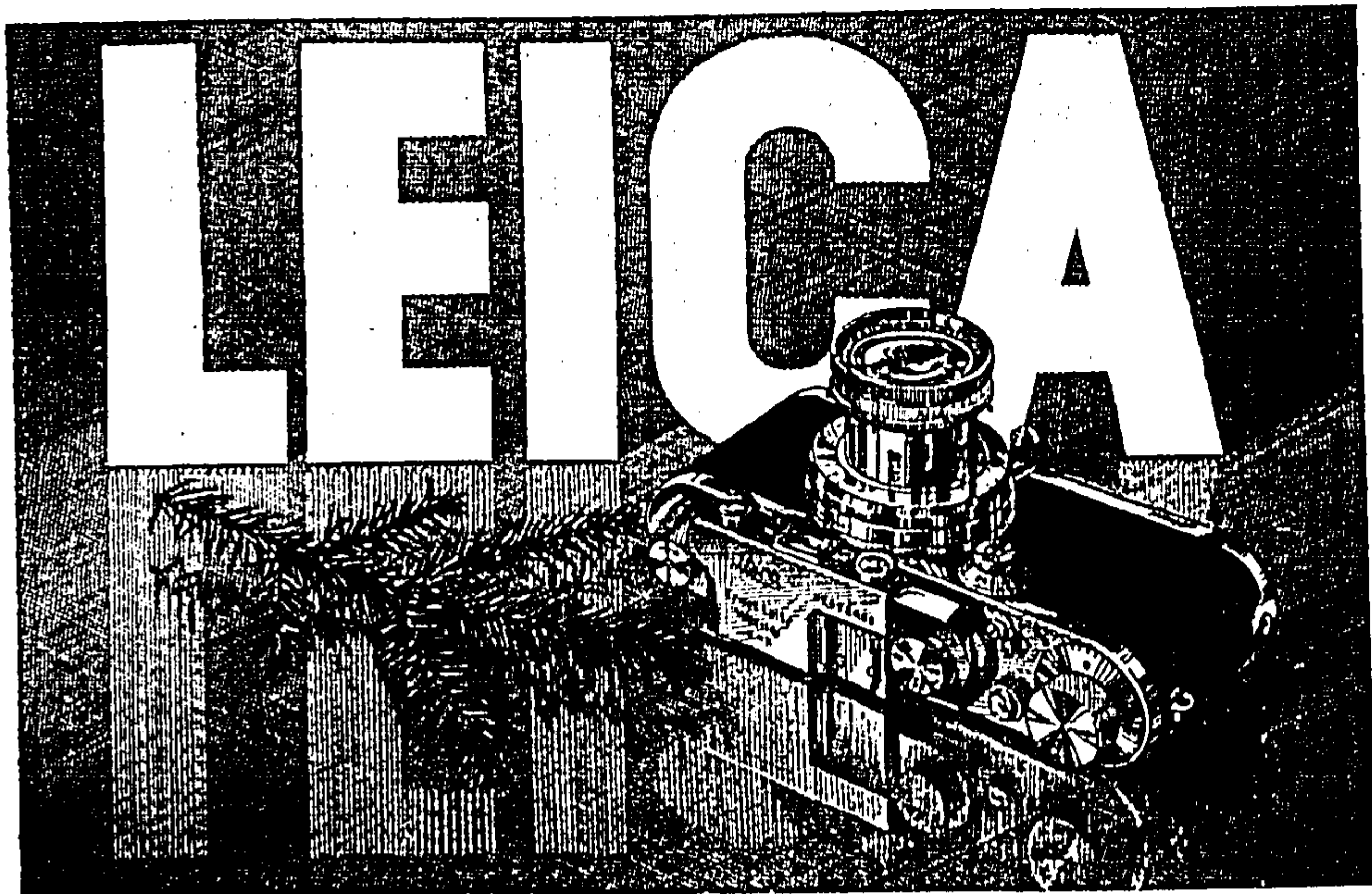


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H.K. Stock Market

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H.K. Banks, Ltd.	1,380 s.
H.K. Banks, Ltd.	81 n.
Chartered	9 1/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. E.	2100 n.
Mercantile, C. E.	13 n.
East Asia	68 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton	205 n.
Union	485 n.
China Underwriters	70 s.
H.K. Fire	182 n.
SHIPPING	
Wharves	\$0.15 1/2
Steamboats	\$18 n.
Indo-Chinas, P.	\$60 n.
Indo-Chinas, D.	\$24 n.
Shell Bearers	\$0.75 1/2
Waterboats	\$9 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	\$115 1/2
Docks (old)	\$18 1/2
Docks (new)	\$17 1/2
Providents (old)	\$0.35
Providents (new)	\$0.15
New Eng. Sh.	\$0.60
Shin. Docks, Sh.	\$100 n.
Kailan	\$17 1/2
Raubas	\$0.35
Venz: Goldfield	\$3 n.
Hongkong Mines	7 1/2 cts. n.
MINING	
Antamoks Ps.	50 s.
Atokas Ps.	24 s.
Bugau Gold Ps.	20 s.
Benguet Con. Ps.	12.00 s.
Coco Grove Ps.	51 s.
Con. Mines Ps.	27 1/2 s.
Demonstrations Ps.	27 1/2 s.
I.X.L. Ps.	100 s.
Gumaua Ps.	100 s.
Sun. Minerals Ps.	100 s.
Suyoc Conso. Ps.	20 s.
Paracates Ps.	64 s.
LANDS	
H.K. Electric	\$37 1/2
Macao Electric	\$17 1/2
Sandakan Lights	\$10 1/2
Telephone (old)	\$23 n.
Telephone (new)	\$0.80
Tractions	\$21 1/3
Singapore Pref.	25 1/2 n.
INDUSTRIAL	
Cald: Macg. (ord.)	\$14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pre.)	\$13 n.
Canton Ices	\$1.70
Cements	\$1.65
Ropes	\$4.25 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	\$24.50
Watsons	\$7.45
Crawfords	\$8 s.
Sinceres	\$2 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$30 n.
Powell Ltd. etc.	\$100 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Cotton Ex. rt. Sh.	105 1/2 n.
Shin Cotton Sh.	104 n.
Zong Sings, Sh.	24 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh.	40 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	\$0.34
Constructions	\$1.34
Vibro Piling	\$0.34
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	75 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	77 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% par	103 n.
Maramans (Lon.)	15 1/3 b.
Maramans (H.K.)	3 1/2 n.

Christmas Relief Work in China

According to the Daily Telegraph, Washington correspondent, a similar plan to that arranged for Spain is also being carried out by the Red Cross for relief of suffering in China. —Reuter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th December, 1938. (Christmas Holidays). Hongkong, 21st December, 1938.

CROWN LIFE INSURANCE CO. TORONTO—CANADA.

Effective 15th December, 1938, and by mutual arrangement, Messrs. Gilman & Co. Ltd., have relinquished The Crown Life Agency and Messrs. Thomson & Co., Chartered Accountants, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, Hong Kong, are authorised to accept premiums and issue receipts to policy holders of Crown Life Insurance Co.

Clients are therefore requested to make their deposits or payments direct to Messrs. Thomson & Co. only, at the above address. J. H. UNDERWOOD, Manager for China.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL

For the convenience of Members and Guests of St. Andrew's Society attending the Ball to be held this evening, a special 5 minute service of Star Ferries will run between 9 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. and a special service from Kowloon to Hong Kong will run every 15 minutes between midnight and 1 a.m. and every half hour thereafter until 3 a.m. The Vehicular Ferry Service will be extended until 2 a.m.

The first Supper will be served at 11.15 o'clock p.m. (approx.) and all those desiring to participate therein should be seated in good time before this hour. No reservation of Supper Tables may be made.

Members and Guests are requested to note particularly that ADMISSION TO THE BALL WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY AND THAT THESE CANNOT BE OBTAINED AT THE DOOR OF THE HOTEL.

Entrance to the Hotel will be by the Main Doors, Salisbury Road, only.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

Buyers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,350
Devlases	\$20 1/2
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$113
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$18 1/2
H.K. Docks (New)	\$17 1/2
Providents (Old)	\$0.35
H. & S. Hotels	\$94
H.K. Realities	\$5
H.K. Tramways	\$17
Walsons	\$24 1/2
Vibro Piling	\$0.34
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2% Loan	77 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	103 n.
Sellers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,350
China Underwriters	\$70
Humphreys	\$9
Yaumati Ferries (Old)	\$22 1/2
Sandakan Lights	\$10 1/2
Dairy Farms	\$24 1/2
Lane, Crawford & Co.	\$8
Constructions	\$1 1/2
Sales	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,350 1/2
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$18 1/2
Providents (Old)	\$0.35
H. & S. Hotels	\$94
H.K. Realities	\$5
H.K. Tramways	\$17
Walsons	\$24 1/2
Vibro Piling	\$0.34
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2% Loan	77 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	103 n.
Coco Groves	51
Demonstrations	27 1/2
Suyoc Conso.	20
Suyoc Conso.	20

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	172 Norm.
T.T. Singapore	53 1/2
T.T. Japan	100 1/2
T.T. India	68
T.T. U.S.A.	20 1/2
T.T. Manila	58
T.T. Batavia	53 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	100
T.T. France	10.00
T.T. Germany	72
T.T. Switzerland	127 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/c London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/p do.	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	20 1/2
30 d U.S.A.	11.45
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.08 1/2

COMMONS ATTACK ON DRUG POSITION IN FAR EAST

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aimed at the systematic demoralisation of the Chinese people.

He thought that the diagnosis which most correctly fitted this extremely grave position was somewhat as follows: reports were received from North China seem to confirm the statements made at the meeting of the Opium Advisory Committee last June.

In North China, before the Japanese occupation in 1937, an attempt was being made by the Chinese Central Government to enforce drastic opium and narcotic laws which they promulgated in 1935.

There are indications that they were, to some extent, being successful.

Since the Japanese occupation of this region, these deterrents to a large extent have disappeared. It is as these deterrents disappear that the position seems to get worse.

Mr. Butler proceeded to say that in February over 30 Chinese Government ordinances for the Peiping Provisional Government and in May it was announced that the Peiping tax administration had decided to allow the opening of 300 opium dens.

The Provisional Government had issued certain ordinances for the control of the traffic, the effect of which it was not yet possible to estimate.

POSITION IN PEIPING

He was bound to give the House the information he possessed, and it appeared to His Majesty's Government, that since the formal repeal of the Chinese Government's ordinances, opium pipes and smoking accessories began to be offered openly for sale on stalls and in the markets at Peiping.

Intolerable drug stores were opened, until at the present, there was scarcely a single store where drugs could not be bought openly and indulged in.

Viscount Halifax had no definite information beyond the published budget figures of 1938 regarding Manchuria, but a report on the drug situation had been culled from the British representative there.

The conditions in Central China did not appear to be so serious. The Nanking Provisional Government had recently promulgated ordinances aimed at controlling the traffic, but he was not able to give definite information as regards their likely results.

Mr. Butler said that, taken together with the information he gave about the growth of heroin, it would seem there had been distinct increases in these various parts of the Far East. The Government's view was that there had been an increase in the traffic.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE

Viscount Halifax had no information on the attitude of the Japanese military authorities to the trade in heroin, which appeared chiefly to emanate from Tientsin, and was often carried on by Korean camps.

The Government intended to continue a close examination of the matter in company with other governments, as that was preferable to individual action.

The matter was then dropped.—Reuter.

I. R. A. Leaders In Belfast Round-Up

Belfast, Dec. 22. It is officially stated that in an all-night round-up, the authorities arrested 34 leaders and members of the Irish Republican Army on charges of plotting violence, and allegedly planning to attack prominent citizens and property during "the Christmas and New Year periods".—United Press.

Empire Air Mail Disorganised

London, Dec. 22. Imperial Airways announce the severe weather in Western Europe and the Mediterranean, and the frozen intermediate ports of call in Central France, have necessitated an interruption of air services, and therefore there will be some delay in mails to and from the Empire.—Reuter Special.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

SERVICE CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Stenograph "JEAN LABORDE" 3-A/30 Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon, etc., arrived Hongkong on Friday, 23rd December, 1938.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 3rd January, 1939, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 29th December, 1938.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

E. ORR, Agent. Hongkong, 23rd December, 1938.

Assistance For St. Helena

Rehabilitation Of Island Proposals

London, Dec. 22. Measures of rehabilitation for St. Helena were mentioned by the Colonial Secretary at Commons question time. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald said that he had received a despatch from the Governor outlining the proposals, and the depressed condition of industry in the island were receiving his own constant attention. He had recently approved of the recommendation of the governor a subsidy to enable the flax mills to re-open to cover loans to small property owners for house repairs and to aid the rise in wages of government employees.

A Superintendent of Education has been appointed. Mr. MacDonald has also announced that the Union Castle Line were arranging for their ships to call at St. Helena during the day-time so that tourists could land and visit places of interest thus swelling tourist traffic.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE TERMS FOR ENDING WAR

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rights in China, provided China entered into accord with Japan.

The belief is expressed that the United States will oppose this proposal as strongly as they did Japan's larger policy of "Asia for Asiatics" and it is said that the United States would regard the plan as part of a Japanese attempt to obtain exclusive and complete control of China, instead of liberating the Chinese from admittedly single-deal restrictions.

Some observers contended it was paradoxical for Japan to propose to free China from small foreign concessions while proposing that she, herself, station soldiers throughout China to obtain special economic advantages from China.

The United States programme to free China from extraterritorial restrictions was incorporated in the Nine-Power treaty, in which the Powers agree to keep their hands off in China, enabling her to become internally strong enough to obviate the necessity for extraterritoriality.

It is contended here that Japan, by military occupation of China, interfered with China's progress and violated her treaty.

Some observers linked the Premier's statement with Japan's reported indignation at the recent United States loan to China, and speculated that the Prime Minister aimed, indirectly, to submit retaliatory measures which Japan could take if Great Britain and the United States executed the loans to China.

They doubted however, that price Konoye's statement would alter the attitude at London or Washington because Japan is already regarded as having curtailed occidental commercial activities to such an extent that further curtailment will cause no anxiety.—United Press.

Premier Going To Chequers

London, Dec. 22. The Prime Minister is leaving London to-morrow for Chequers where he will spend Christmas with members of his family.

He will remain there until after the New Year when he goes north to stay with friends before breaking his holiday on January 10 to visit Rome with the Foreign Secretary at the invitation of Signor Mussolini.—British Wireless.

Iraq Exiles Five Opposition Chiefs

Baghdad, Dec. 22. The Iraq Government to-day exiled five persons, including one former Prime Minister, to the interior of the country.

A number of opposition leaders were exiled to the same place several days ago.

The Government has thus taken up the fight against the opposition, which chiefly consists of former parties hostile to the present Government.—Trans-Ocean.

Former Husband Of Torch Singer Gaoled

Los Angeles, Dec. 22. Colonel Milton Snyder, former husband of the film player, Ruth Etting, has been convicted of attempting to murder Myrl Alderman, the film star's present husband.

Sentence up to 20 years imprisonment can be imposed.

Snyder was found not guilty on other charges, including an attempt to murder both Ruth Etting and their daughter, Edith Snyder.—Reuter.

WANG CHING-WEI IN CHUNGKING

Mr. T. V. Soong, the prominent Chinese statesman who has been residing in the Colony, stated last night that the press report on Mr. Wang Ching-wei's arrival in Hanan from Chungking by plane on Monday was groundless.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Vice-President of the Kuomintang and concurrently Chairman of the Central Political Council, was seen in Chungking on Wednesday, it is learned from good authority, planning to hold a memorial service for the late General Chiang Kai-shek.

PLEDGE BY KOREANS TO GOVERNMENT

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and national reconstruction, will be accomplished. This belief is not only held by the 450,000 Chinese people but also by the 30,000,000 Koreans.

LIVE LIKE ANIMALS

"It has been 20 years now since Korea was conquered by Japan.

"During these 20 years, under the principle of interior extension, 30,000,000 Koreans have been forced to live like animals.

"The sufferings and oppressions we Koreans have been receiving are beyond imagination.

"Those who cannot endure any longer the Japanese oppression have moved to the Chinese Three Eastern Provinces, to share the destiny of the Chinese brethren there.

"Since the beginning of the present war, the Japanese military had had a severe lesson. Comrades of the Korean People's Party have, all these 20 years, and to fight for justice, peace, and the mother country. Only the lack of strength has made large-scale rebellion impossible. But anti-Japanese activities have never ceased for a single day.

"From now on, Korea are historically related. Both nations have been subjected to Japanese aggression in the past scores of years. Korea has unfortunately been conquered, but her spirit of resistance is in no way different from that of China. The Koreans believe that when China wins in her war of resistance, all the weak and small nations will be benefited, emancipated, and can return to a state of freedom and equality.

"Generalissimo Chiang recently issued a message to the Chinese people, expounding with great determination the true meaning of prolonged resistance. He asked that the people must face the present situation with greater fortitude, greater courage, greater capacity for sufferings and hardships, in order to contribute to the consolidation of national unity for nationwide prolonged resistance and bring about the ultimate victory. This message has not only pointed the right way in enemy-resistance and national reconstruction, but also been a lesson to Koreans in their bitter struggle for their national independence.

"From now on, it is necessary that Chinese and Korean comrades be prepared to face the crisis with greater fortitude and patience, and with united mind and action, to fight for the final victory. Members of the Korean People's Party will follow Generalissimo Chiang's leadership with utmost sincerity to cooperate with Chinese for the purpose of defeating Japan, restoring the Korean nation, for justice and for peace."—Centrai News.

U.S. SHARPLY REJECTS STRONG NAZI PROTEST

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States rarely uses in diplomatic discussions with a friendly Government.

The exchanges have brought an extremely sharp and new strain on German-American relations.

Mr. Welles told Dr. Thomsen that Germany's request came with singularly ill-grace and inappropriately from a Government which so persistently permitted its controlled press and officials to attack American leaders, including President Wilson and President Roosevelt, and present members of the Cabinet.

He advised Dr. Thomsen that Mr. Ickes' remarks represented the feeling of an overwhelming majority of the American people, and said that the recent policy of Germany had shocked and confounded public opinion in the United States more profoundly than anything that had occurred in many decades.

He warned Dr. Thomsen that expressions of public indignation such as that voiced by Mr. Ickes were inevitable, and that Mr. Ickes' criticism of Mr. Henry Ford and Colonel Lindbergh was purely a question in which Germany could have no concern whatever, and which he could not discuss.

As long as German attacks on American officials continued, the German Government had no right to suppose attacks of the same character would not continue.—Reuter.

FAREWELL LETTER BY FINANCIER

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deals, and declared: "I have not tried to ruin the company or the stockholders. Instead, I am a ruined man through the treachery of legal intrigue. Nobody has worked harder and received less pay to make something out of work for the interests of all."

The acting United States Federal authorities had evidence that at least eight people, who knew Coster in the early days as an ex-convict, had profited financially from that knowledge.—Reuter.

Air Mail Service Across Atlantic

Washington, Dec. 22. The United States civil aeronautics authority stated to-day that it was engaged with discussions with the State Department and other Government agencies for "looking toward the early establishment of the trans-Atlantic air services."

It added that lawyers for Imperial Airways had filed an application with the authority for a permit to inaugurate a trans-Atlantic service.

The application was referred to the Company's London officials for execution, and cannot receive final consideration until this, and other technical requirements had been fulfilled.—Reuter.

NOTICE

For the convenience of Christmas Shoppers, business hours of the undermentioned Stores will be as follows:—

DECEMBER 21st	From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
" 22nd	From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
" 23rd	From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
" 24th	From 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

On Christmas Day all our Stores will be closed, but will be RE-OPEN on December 26th As Usual.

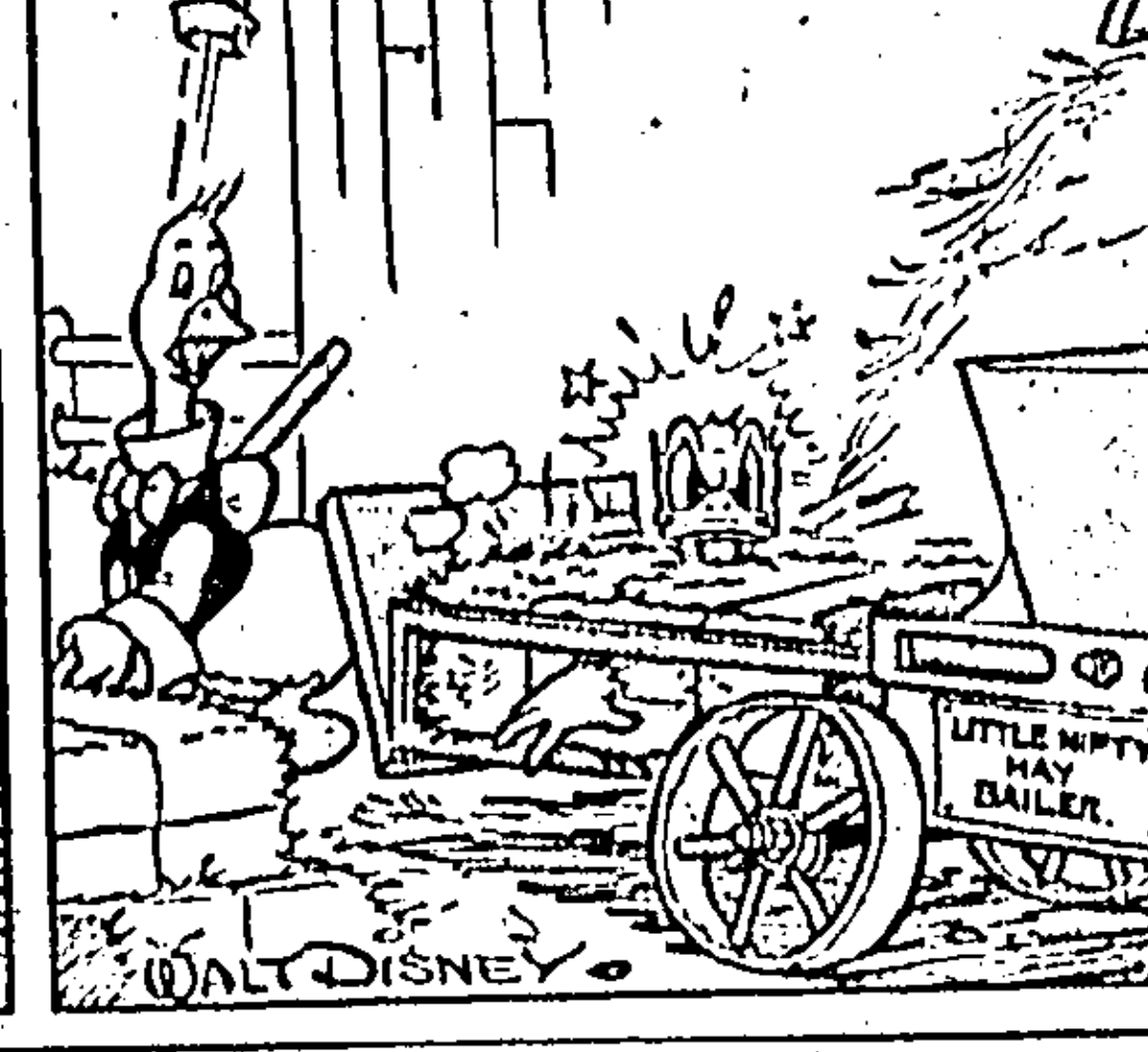
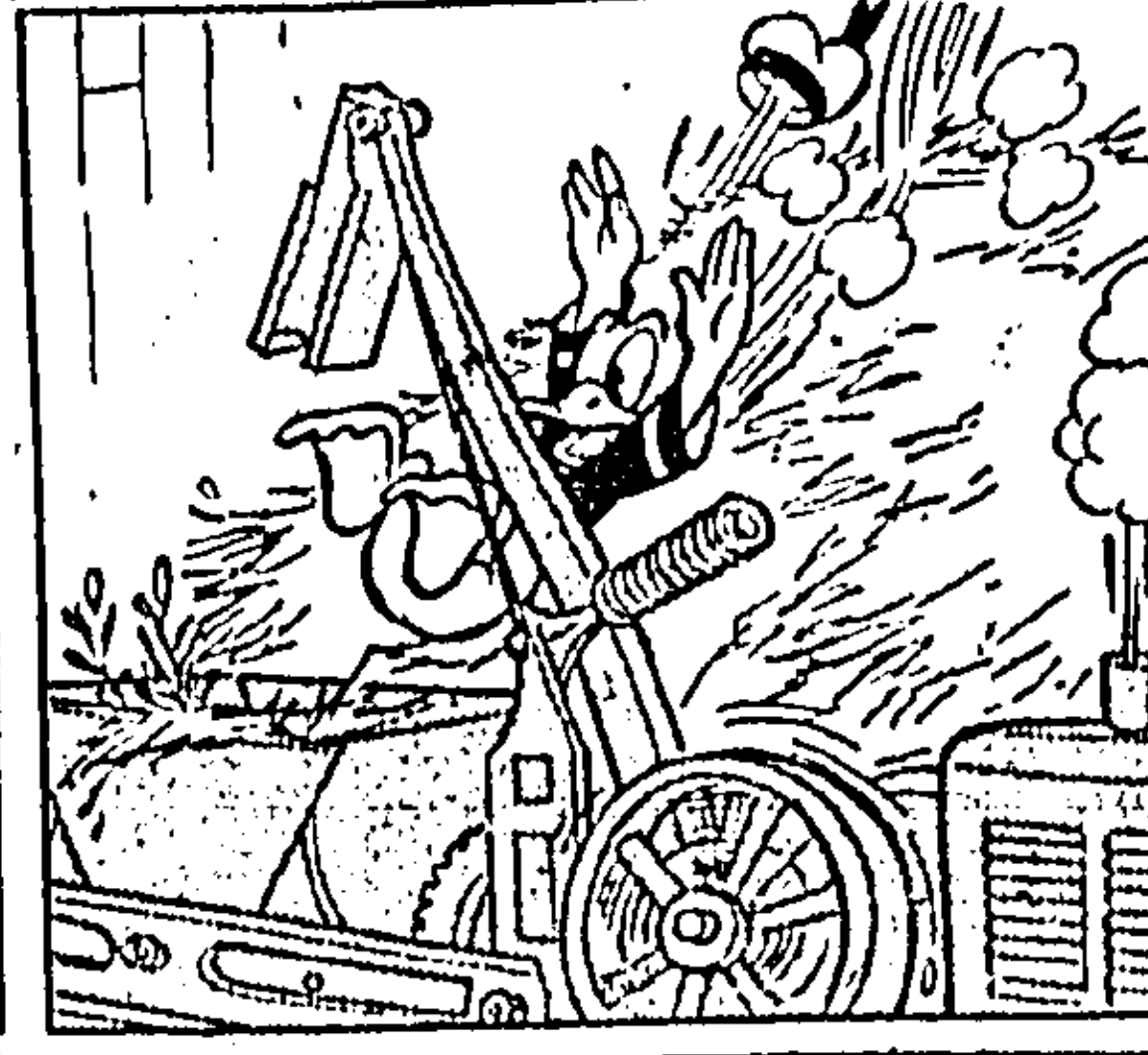
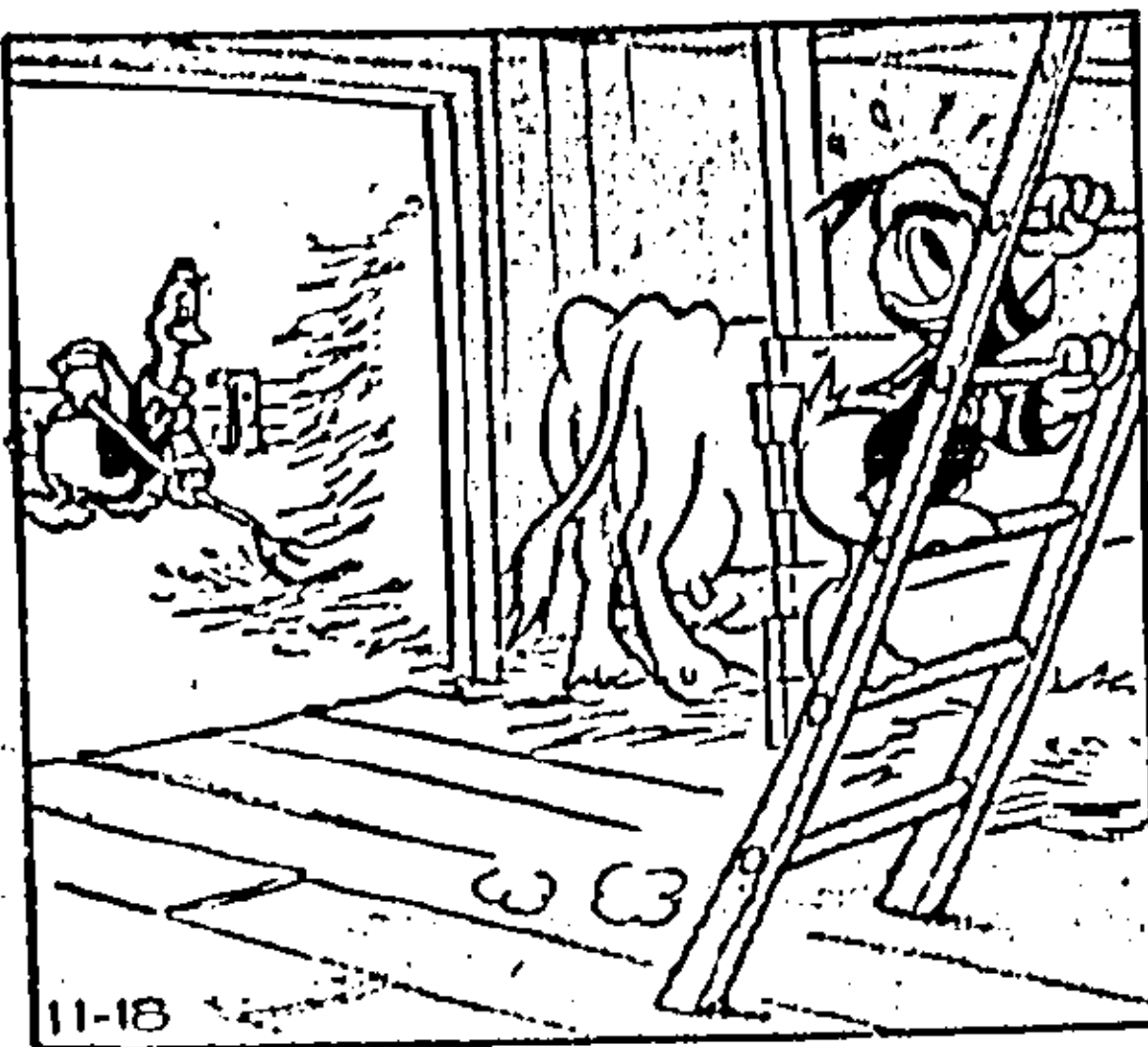
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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Date
Shanghai	Conte-Biancamano	December 23.
Saigon	Jean Laborde	December 23.
Japan	Atuta Maru	December 24.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways"		
Direct Service—London date, Imperial		
18th December.	Airways Plane	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Marchal Joffre	December 24.
Japan	Tusima Maru	December 24.
Haliphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Yunnan	December 24.
Straits	Bhutan	December 25.
Manila	Phemius	December 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—San Francisco, date 2nd, December	President Taft	December 25.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	December 25.

DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney

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UNTIL

6 P.M.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.

MORE
DIVANS
RAIDEDKowloon Keepers To
Pay The Penalty

Raid by Revenue Officer E. T. Warden on opium and heroin divans in the Yau Ma Tei District on Wednesday, resulted in the arrest of several Chinese, on whom heavy fines and terms of imprisonment were imposed when they appeared before Mr. E. H. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Chan Cheung of 69 Tai Nam Street, was fined a total of \$450, in default of eight months and seven weeks, when he admitted keeping a heroin divan, possession of 128 pills, and possession of heroin pipes.

Fines totalling \$310, in default of a term of eight months imprisonment were imposed on Sam Shing of 68 Tai Nam Street, on charges of keeping an opium divan, possession of prepared non-Government opium, possession of 314 heroin pills, and possession of heroin pipes. He was also sentenced to a further six months without the option, for keeping a heroin divan.

Yu Tip of 301 Reclamation Street, was fined a total of \$260 or seven months when he admitted charges of keeping an opium divan, possession of 14 mace of prepared non-Government opium, and possession of heroin pipes and 174 heroin pills. He was also sentenced to six months for keeping a heroin divan.

Mo Chan, of 35 Po Kong Road, was fined \$130 or four months in default, on two counts of keeping an opium divan and possession of prepared non-Government opium.

Chan Tai, of 43 Po Kong Road, was fined \$110 or four months when he admitted charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of 2 mace of prepared non-Government opium.

Fong Kan, of 293 Tai Nam Street, admitted two charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of 2 mace of prepared non-Government opium. He was fined \$110 or four months imprisonment.

Fines totalling \$160 were imposed on Ho Kam, of 291 Tai Nam Street, when he admitted having kept an opium divan and possession of 13 mace of non-Government opium. In default, he will undergo three months and one week.

For possession of non-Government opium and keeping an opium divan, Au Yung-fong, of 622 Reclamation Street, was fined \$160 or four-and-a-half months.

Yu Fook, of 623 Reclamation Street, was fined a total of \$210 on charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of one mace of opium, in default, five months.

For keeping an opium divan in 843 Canton Road, and possession of 17

HONGKONG SINGERS

Concert Practices To
Resume Shortly

The regular weekly practices of the Hongkong Singers have been interrupted over the holiday season, and will be resumed on Monday, January 9, at 5.30 p.m. in the Union Church, Kennedy Road, as usual. It is hoped that present members will resume attendance in force, while a hearty welcome will be extended to any new members who may care to join in the work of the Society.

The next big concert by the Singers will be given towards the end of March. The programme will include "Illo Grande," a setting of a Sachseverell Sitwell poem by Constant Lambert for Piano and Alto; "In Honour of the City," for Chorus and Orchestra, the words being part of a 16th century poem by William Dunbar in praise of London; a setting of Milton's ode "Ring Out, Ye Crystal Spheres," for Chorus and Orchestra, by Dr. Harold Darke; and "Syrinx," Copies of the Lambert and Darke works may be obtained from the Tsang Fook Piano Co., where there are also a few copies of Dr. Dyson's work to be had. Past members of the Chorus who have not furthered the case for their copies of the Society's next concert will be asked to hand them in for sale or loan to present members. To Messrs. Tsang Fook's, a great deal of time has already been spent on the works to be performed, and it is confidently expected that the Singers' next concert will further uphold the standard and traditions which the society has already established.

Eagles Raid Turkeys

Payson, Ariz.

To some the American eagle is a noble bird, but to Mrs. Will Cohea it is no better than a vulture. Eagles intrude upon Mrs. Cohea's large turkey flock even more than do coyotes, swooping down swiftly to seize turkeys before there is time to stop them with either gun or dog.

mece of non-Government opium, Li Tung was fined \$180, or five months.

Ng Pak, of 845 Canton Road, was fined \$120 or four months for keeping an opium divan and possession of 4 mace of non-Government opium.

Leung Man, of 65 Shanghai Street, was fined \$180 or five months for keeping an opium divan and possession of 15 mace of non-Government opium.

Mr. Himsforth ordered the confiscation of all drugs and paraphernalia.

HEROIN PILLS

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on So Ping, 19, unemployed, by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for possession of 289 heroin pills at Hillier Street. He was also recommended for banishment.

"CINDERELLA" OPENS

Christmas Pantomime At
European Y.M.C.A.

Only the limitations of the stage prevented the presentation of Cinderella by the Y.M.C.A. players last night from being a first-class production.

Acting honours went to the Two Ugly Sisters (Robert Henderson and Willie Simpson) whose clowning was far above anything else, except the performance of the juvenile dancers. Cinderella (Eva Turner) gave the best song of the evening in Funiculi Funicula, next in order being the Oh Foolish Fug, sung by the Fairy Godmother (Helen Lockhart).

Tribute should be paid to the witty dialogue which was not fully appreciated by the audience. Stage settings, especially the transformation scene, were worthy of better performances by some members of the chorus. Mention should be made of the difficult task of Muriel Smith, as The Prince, who was unfortunately miscast.

The whole production was rendered with a swing which is seldom seen in amateur shows, the five dancers of the chorus being the chief driving force.

More might have been made of the Proclamator (Jack Boomer) who in his few appearances was always convincing. Criticism can be made of the last but one song of the show, which was out of place.

The juvenile chorus gave the best multi-part of the evening in the mock Cinderella scene in the last act, though the only clamours for encore from the audience were ignored.—A. W. S.

JAMES AGATE
LIKES TO GET

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lady reasonably like Miss Mae West with a talent for closing one mascara'd eyelid and ejaculating a provocative "So what?"

LET me conclude with a word about Christmas cards. If anybody wants to send me one, let it not be a photograph of a distortion by Modigliani or Matisse. Send me, I pray you, a view of a country church half-buried in frosted snow through which villagers are making their way without disturbing the robin redbreasts hopping about the foreground.

LONG TOW
ENDSSirdhana Arrives With
Japanese Trawler

An eventful 500-mile tow was completed when the B.I.S.N. Company's steamer Sirdhana arrived in Hongkong early yesterday morning. At the harbour limits a tug relieved her of her charge, a large Japanese fishing trawler, and she came to her berth at Kowloon two days behind schedule.

Bound from Singapore, the Sirdhana was just south of the Parcel Islands when the launch was noticed, flying a flag beneath a basket to indicate that she was in distress. She was wallowing helplessly in a fairly heavy sea, and a bad list to port made it appear that she had taken some water aboard.

A line was first floated to her on a lifebuoy, but this did not hold and the Sirdhana then fired a rocket line aboard, being successful against a difficult wind in one shot. However, no-one on the trawler spoke English and it was so difficult to reach a mutual understanding that the captain of the trawler at last decided to come on board the Sirdhana and did so by swimming the few yards between the two vessels.

It was then possible for Captain P. Fairbairn, of the Sirdhana, to learn of the trawler's mishap, but only through a complex, amusing system of interpretation. Captain Fairbairn spoke in English to the comprador, who passed his words on in Chinese to a Chinese cook, the only other on board who could speak Chinese, who then spoke to the trawler's captain in Japanese.

It was learnt that the trawler, Fookwing Maru, a motor vessel, was from Tamsui, Formosa, which it left on December 2. Three days before the Sirdhana had sighted her at 8 a.m. on Monday she had broken her crankshaft and had since been rolling helplessly. She had on board a catch of 30,000 lb., consisting mostly of great garoupa weighing up to 250 lb.

Bills Carried Away

The two vessels proceeded quietly for four hours, when a stop had to be made for some adjustments, and for the rest of Monday and all Tuesday there was no interruption and the Sirdhana hoped to make Hongkong by Wednesday afternoon. On Wednesday, however, the sea got up and in the forenoon the bits holding the line on the trawler carried clean away.

To make a new line fast in the heavy sea was a ticklish task and it was after 3 p.m. before the two

VALEDICTORY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tracy
Leaving To-day

Leaving to-day by Empress of Russia, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tracy, accompanied by their daughter Helen, sever a long connection with the Far East.

In 1906, Mr. Tracy joined the old Standard Oil Company in New York, and in 1911 transferred to Singapore. Since then he has been manager at Penang, Assistant Manager for Straits and Dutch East Indies, and Assistant General Manager at Hongkong, in which capacity he has been Acting General Manager during the greater part of the past two years. Although yet under 50, he is leaving the Company's plan permitting retirement after thirty years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy will join their son, who is at school in America, and will probably settle in the eastern part of the United States.

Following a round of private farewell parties, Mr. Denis Blake entertained them at a cocktail party at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Tuesday evening, when in the presence of a large number of guests, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher on behalf of the members presented a memento in the form of nautical symbols mounted on a blackwood stand.

On Wednesday evening the Executive Staff of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company entertained at dinner at the American Club, when in the company of nearly a hundred guests Mr. and Mrs. Tracy were presented with a pair of silver trays suitably engraved, and a travelling case, all the gift of his business associates.

ships were again under way. With hope of making port before nightfall came, the Sirdhana reduced speed and no further incident occurred before her arrival in Hongkong.

Informing that the captain of the Sirdhana had appealed for a tug, the Japanese Consul-General had a tug sent to meet the ship at the harbour limits. He has informed the owners in Formosa of his action and whether they will arrange a tow to Formosa or seek to have repairs effected in Hongkong is not yet known.

Several of the Sirdhana's passengers who wished to catch the Carpenters for Shanghai, for Shanghai things are a little concerned at the delay, but they were in time to make the connection. Otherwise they rather enjoyed the unusual happening, one passenger lamenting because his cinematograph chose to jam just when the best pictures were available. The Sirdhana leaves early this morning for Japan.

"Under the Red Duster:"
A London Relay

HOTEL ORCHESTRA

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6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) You and me, (b) There's honey on the moon to-night, (c) Foolin' myself, (d) Joseph Joseph! 6.14 Record: Praline Romeo (Carlton). There's Only Five Bullets in My Old Six Shooter (Roberts).... Bob Mallin and His Guitar.

6.21 (a) Where in the world, (b) Santa Claus is comin' to town (c) I've got a date with a Dream (d) Don't cross your fingers, Cross your Heart.

6.55 Record: Cinema Memories.... Maclean.

6.44 (a) Moonlight and Shadows, (b) Volga Boatman Swing, (c) Tonight we love, (d) China Town.

7.02 A Spanish Programme Including songs by Conchita Supervia and Albeniz' Suite Iberia.

Suite Iberia (Albeniz).... Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos; Senir Arbos (More-de Aquino-Munoz Arribas); Un Barberillo Alegre (Medina-Villa-Prado).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra; Danza Espanola—No. 8 (Granados).... Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos; Goyescas—Intermezzo (Granados).... Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp. by N. Mednikoff; Lamento Borincano (Hernandez-arrito).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra; La Rosa Oriental (Espigul).... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra.

7.40 Rino Rossi (Vocal) and Orchestra Mascotte.

Souvenir De Mona Lisa—Waltz (Schebek); Idylle Passionnelle—Waltz (Razigade).... Orchestra Mascotte; Il Existe Une Blondec (Gardoni—Chavolt); Romance (No Rossi) (Vocal) with Orchestra; The Last Letter—Waltz (Reggiov); Twinkling Lights—Waltz Melodies (from Operette "Der Obersteiger".... Orchestra Mascotte.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Next week's programme.

8.08 Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Patricia Rossborough, Harry Crouson, and Barnabas von Geary and His Orchestra.

Six "Hit" Medley—No. 5....Harry

Crouson (Organ) with Ken Beaumont (Vocal); Vocal—No Strings (from "Top Hat"); Isn't This A Lovely Day—(From "Top Hat").... Ginger Rogers with Victor Young and His Orchestra; Orch.—Southern Skies (Kunneke); Red Lips (Kolscher).... Barnabas von Geary and His Orchestra; Vocal—Pick Yourself Up—Fox-Trot (from "Swing Time"); Never Gonna Dance (film "Swing Time").... Fred Astaire accomp. by Johnny Green's Orchestra with Johnny Green at the Piano; Piano—I Dream Too Much—Selection; Limelight—Selection.... Patricia Rossborough; Orch.—Free And Easy (Porschmann); Gipsy Wine (Ritter).... Barnabas von Geary and His Orchestra; Vocal—Gertrude Lawrence Medley.... Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano) with Orchestra; Orch.—Siciliana (Apollonio); Blue Skies (Rixey).... Barnabas von Geary and His Orchestra; Organ and Piano—By The Waters Of Minnetonka (Licurance); Bird Songs At Eventide (Eric Coates).... H. Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough.

9.0 London Relay—"Food for Thought."

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 Three songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

When Song Is Sweet (Sans-Souci); Father O'Flynn (Graves arr. Villers Stanford); Rocked In The Cradle Of The Deep (Willard and Knight).... with Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Beethoven—Concerto In B Flat Major.

Pau Casals (Cello) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

10.15 London Relay—"Under The Red Duster."

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11.0 Close Down.

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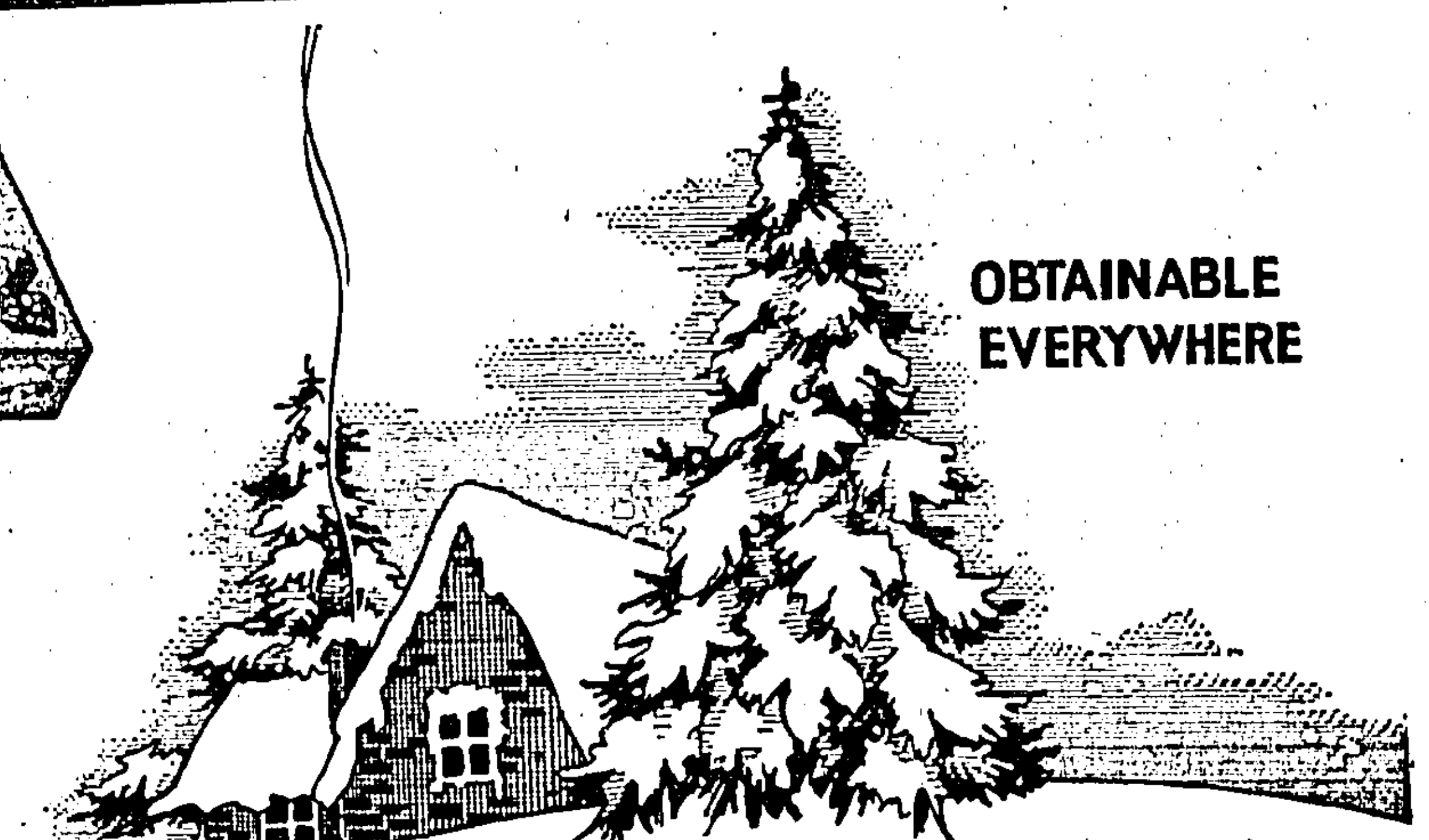
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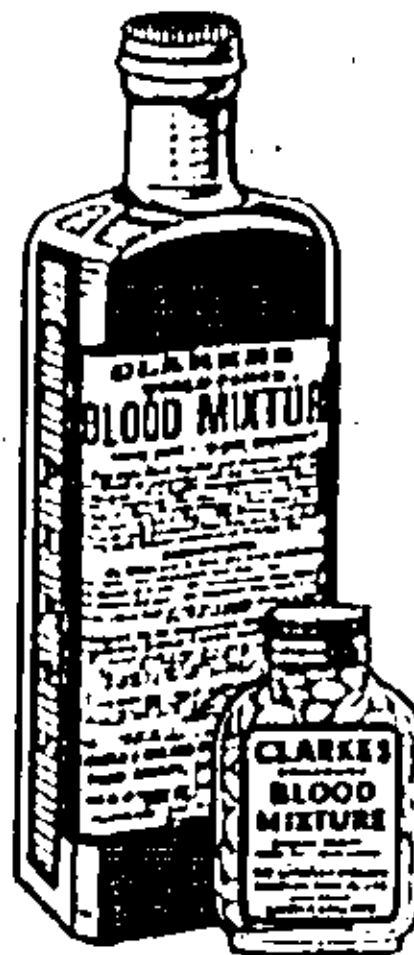
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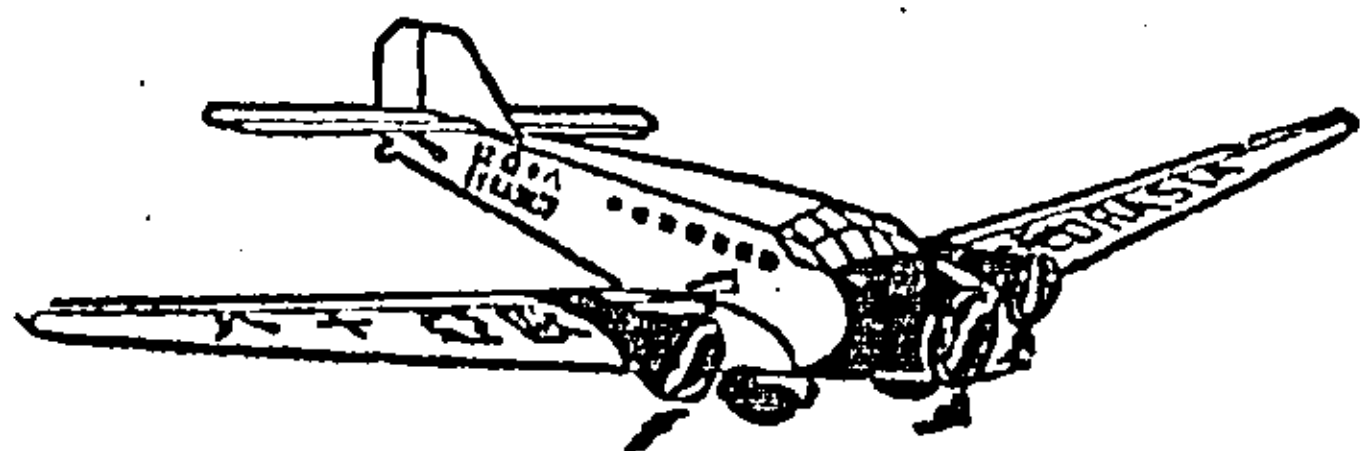


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TRICK ALLEGED

Defendant States Story Complete Fabrication

Charged with obtaining \$19,000 from a widow by a confidence trick, Li Hei-ting, master of the Yu Hai Leung Import and Export Firm, Connaught Road Central, appeared at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, who returned from furlough on Wednesday, was welcomed back by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jnr., who was instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva for the prosecution, Mr. D. J. N. Anderson was instructed by Mr. G. S. Hughes for the defence.

Complainant in the case was Chiu Li-tze, widow, of No. 16, Village Road, and the alleged trickery took place in December.

The following Jury was empanelled: Messrs. G. A. Lawrence (Foreman), S. K. Heiberg, F. M. Garcia, E. A. Moronin, D. L. Bullantyne, Lim Kim-chong and A. Chung-yue. An objection to the Chinese members of the Jury by defendant was disallowed by Sir Atholl. The reason given was that they may have been known to the complainant.

In his opening, Mr. D'Almada said complainant's husband had died ten years ago and left her \$100,000. About December last year she obtained a loan on certain shares to make up the sum of \$20,000 for a Canton firm in which she was interested. This was eventually not required, and she found a sum of money on hand with nothing to do with it. She then instructed a man named Choy Ling-shui, whom she had known for several years, to inform her if there was any property for sale, as she wanted to invest the money.

This broker later introduced her to Li Hei-ting, who was alleged to be the owner of No. 1 Morrison Hill Road. A certain amount of bargaining for the property took place, the price finally being brought down from \$25,000 to \$19,000. Complainant agreed to buy the place after inspecting it, and was told to go up to 83 Connaught Road Central with the money to complete the sale. Complainant took the money along accompanied by her daughter-in-law. She met defendant at Connaught Road Central, and was asked if she had brought the money. She replied that it was in her purse.

Taken to Bank

Li then told her that it would be safer for him to take charge of the money, as she would have to give

it to him sooner or later. On leaving the premises, the party went to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, as Li told her the deeds were in his safe deposit box.

On arriving at the Bank, complainant and her daughter-in-law were told to wait outside. After about 20 minutes, defendant failed to return, and complainant returned to the shop in Connaught Road Central.

On seeing Li two weeks later, she was told to wait for the money, and that if she went to the Police she would not get it back. She had visited Li's office many times later, but when she could not locate the broker Choy, a report was made to the Police, and Li was arrested on November 18.

Chiu Li-tze, in evidence, said that she had not taken action earlier because she had trusted the broker Choy, and she had hoped to get the money back from Li later.

Mr. Anderson then said that the only sum of money owing to her was \$900, a gambling debt which was lost by Li to her at a fantan game at his house. This was denied by Chiu, who said she never gambled.

It was further suggested that she had lost \$3,000 by gambling, and that she had pressed Li for the \$900 throughout 1938. This was also denied by witness who said she had never gambled with Li.

Other evidence was called, and then defendant testified. He said he met complainant last year through a person named Li Sze-ko. Chiu had played mahjong with his concubine, and often the game was changed to fantan.

Li said he had never told Chiu that he was the owner of No. 1 Morrison Hill Road, and there was not a bit of truth in the accusation that he had taken \$19,000 of her money. The whole case was a complete fabrication, and the reason was because Chiu had been living extravagantly and had lost a lot of money in gambling. The case was being brought to account for the loss of her money to her family.

Hearing was adjourned until this morning.

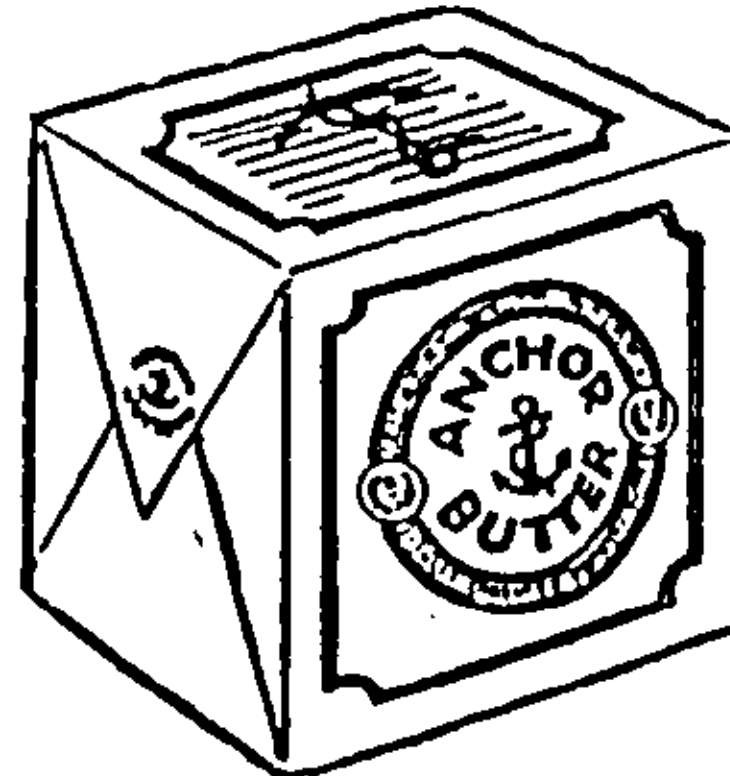
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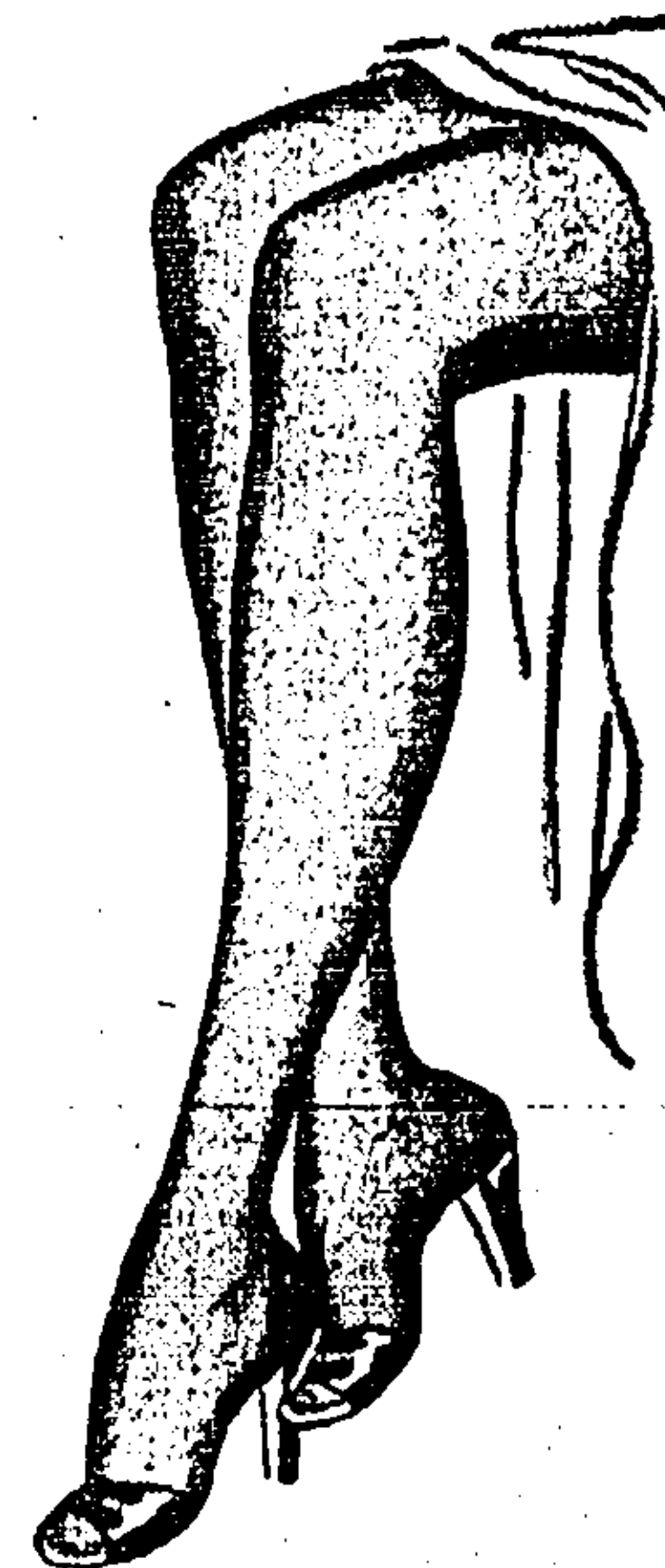
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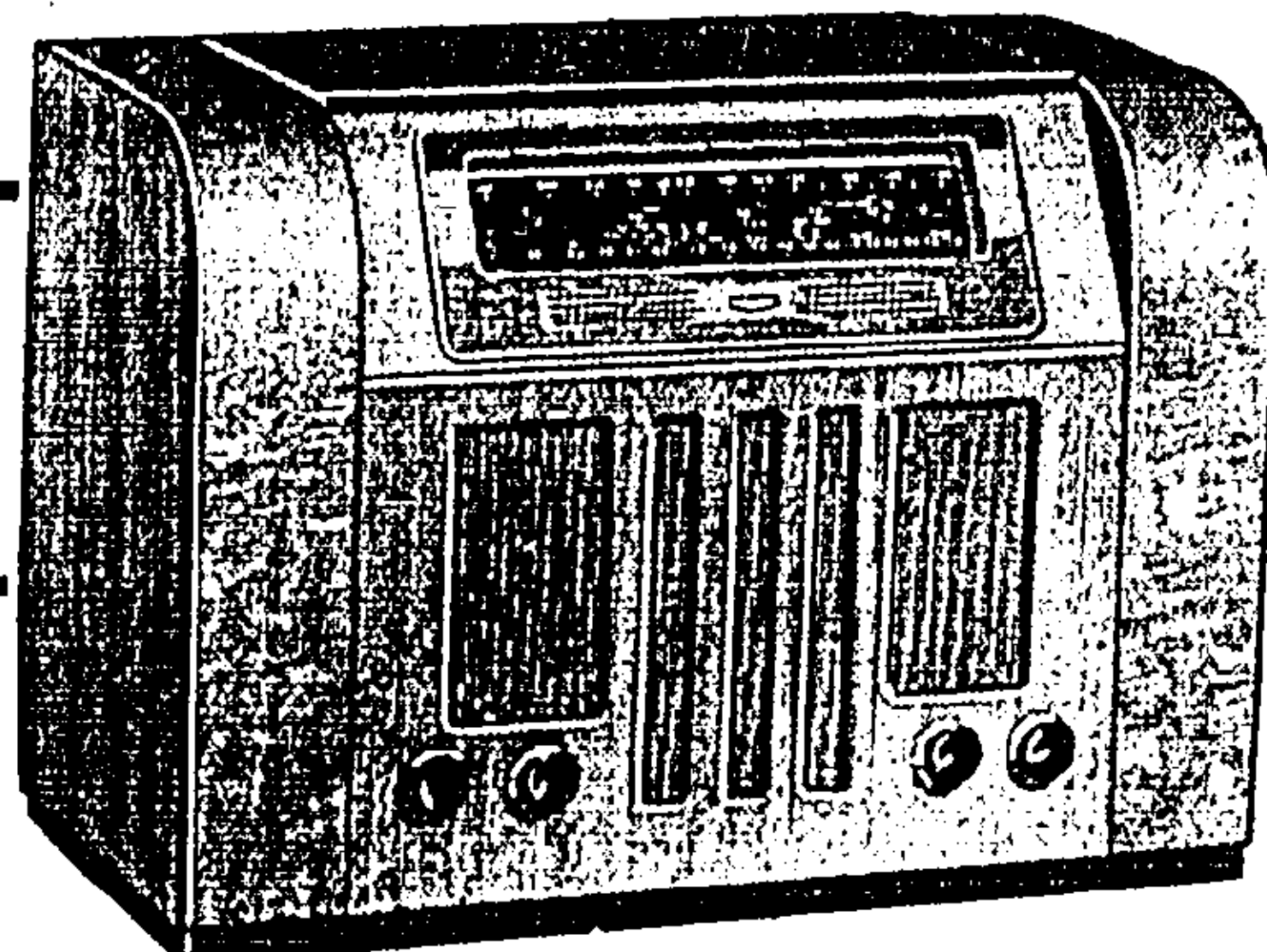


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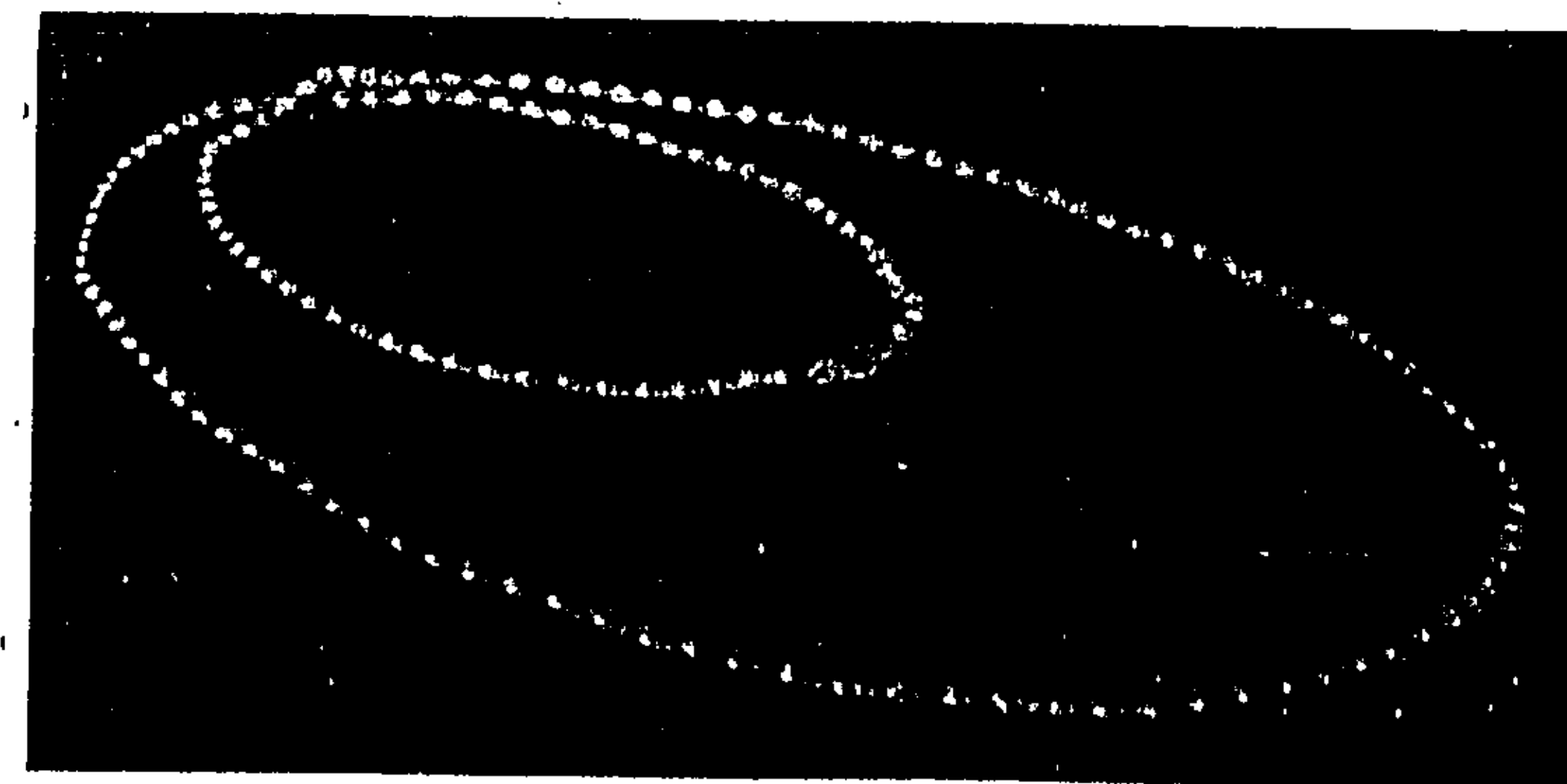
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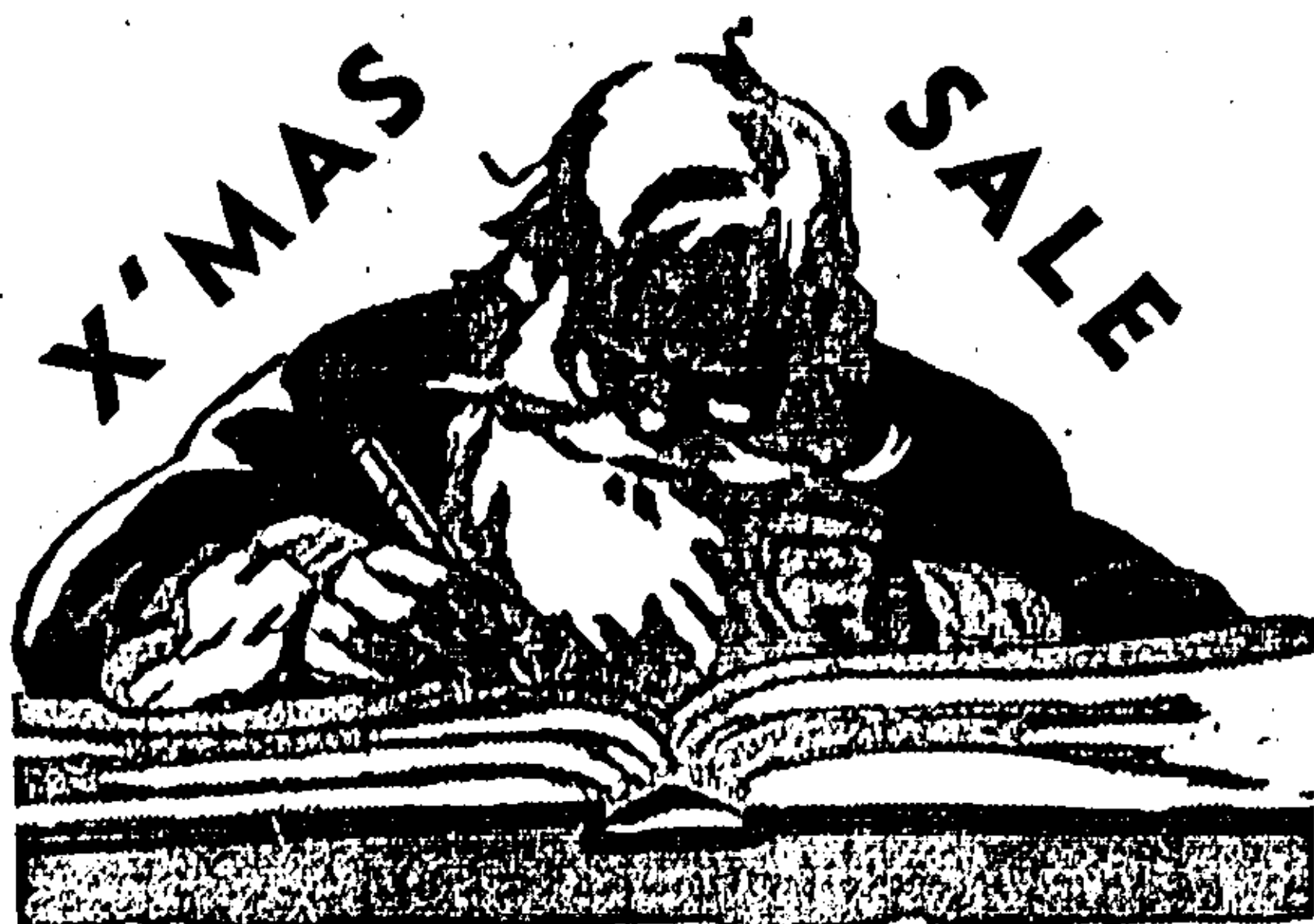
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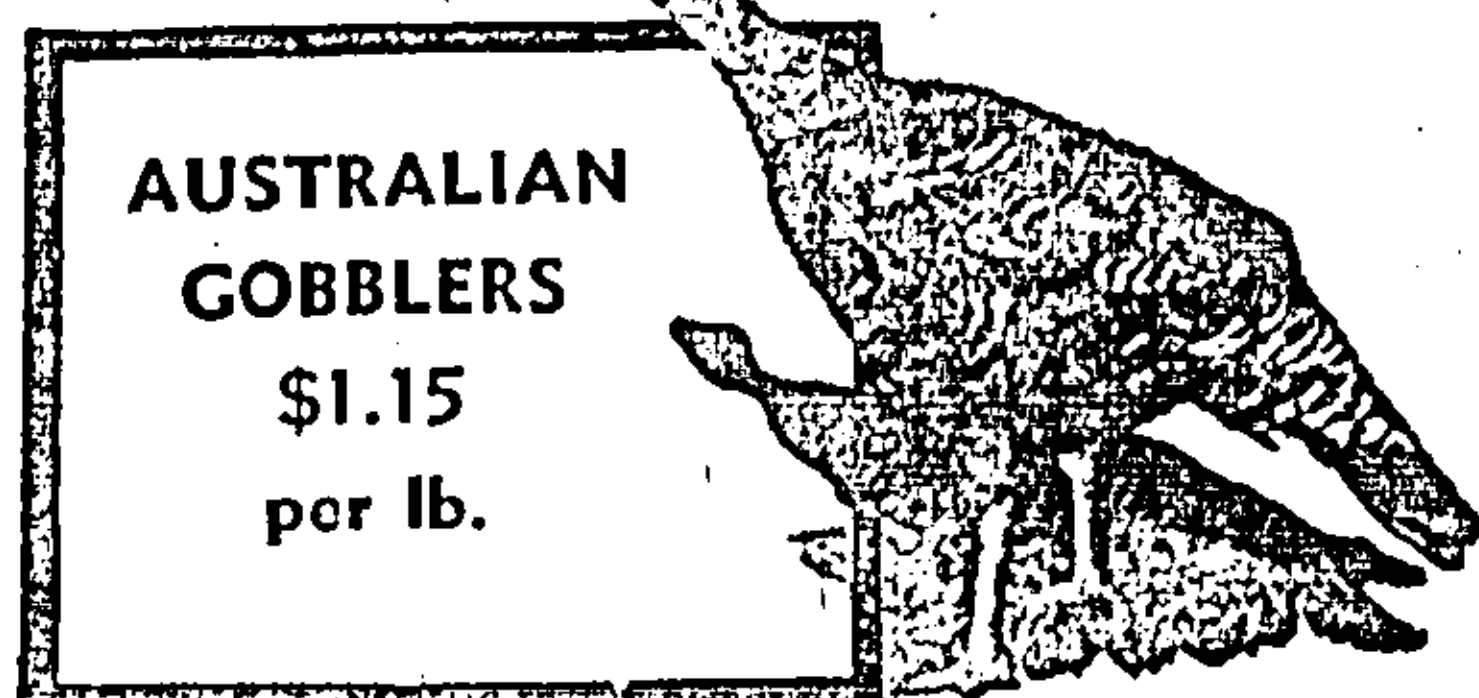
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Louisville, Ky. Miss Peggy Jennings reported to police that she struck a woman with her automobile but could not find the "victim" when she stopped a few feet away. She said a man who witnessed the accident told her to drive on—that the woman was a friend of his who didn't want any publicity.



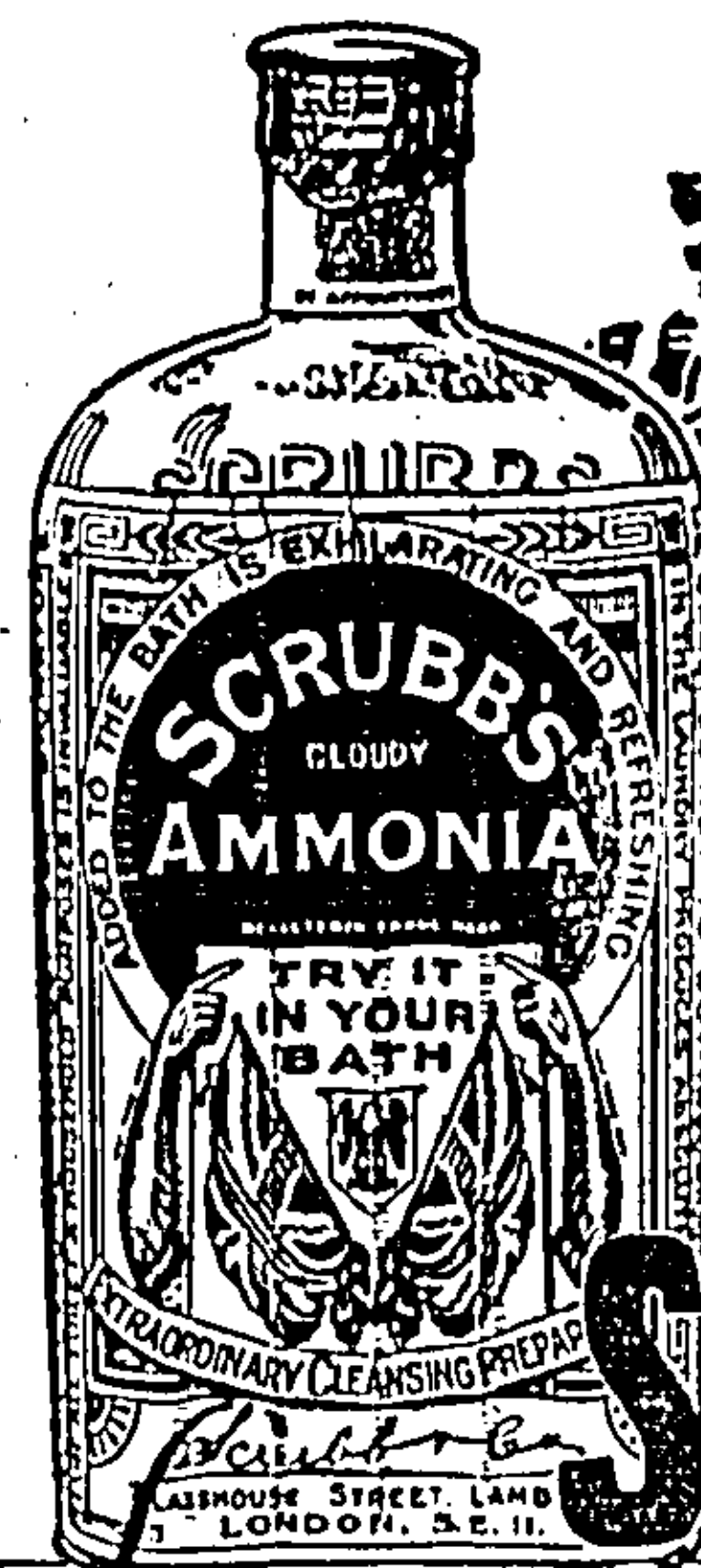
Mr. Sommerfelt and Mrs. Pearce have a talk after the second racing event on Saturday.—Pictorial News.

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stance—the Mother, the Child,
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shepherds, the Magi and the gifts
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ages have gathered round them
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ment, with their own benignant
ritual and song.

Christmas stockings, bells
and carols, roast goose and
turkey, little fir-trees, mistletoe
and holly—all these and much
else Christmas has gathered to
itself.

The season in which it has
fallen adds to its strength by
contrast; the festival shines out
like the cheerful windows of an
inn midway along the dark road
of the winter, where there is
warmth and company and re-
freshment. The sober reality
may be a Hongkong heat-wave,
but in the ideal Christmas of
our childhood the ponds are all
ringing with strong black ice,
there are four inches of snow
upon the ground, powdery and
fine, with the fields buried deep
below the dazzling mantle.

The fireside is a seasonable
pleasure which our ancestors set
at its true value and which our
more travelled generation is apt
to misprize. Especially, is it a
pleasure and a benefit when it
unites the family group round
its most ancient altar, the
hearth, at the festival dedicated
time out of mind to the child,
the mother and the family.

Thus Christmas gives to man-
kind these beautiful homilies of
kindness, hospitality and the
giving of gifts, of charity, of
friendship, and of family love.

Life would be a sadder pil-
grimage without it, and after
the trials which have afflicted
our Homeland these last few
months, and the tribulations
through which our great and
friendly neighbour is passing,
we hope it will bring a rich mea-
sure of blessing and consolation.

CARLYLE! thou shouldst
be living at this hour:
Christmas hath need of
thee! For the old dyspeptic
being our first authority on
clothes, would probably in-
struct us wisely in the mat-
ter of Christmas presents.

Mention of the old gentle-
man, and the hidden reference
to two of England's major poets,
set me wondering what pre-
sents at Christmas, or the pagan
New Year, one would have
wished on say a dozen of the
earth's greatest. Here are a
few of my fancies:—

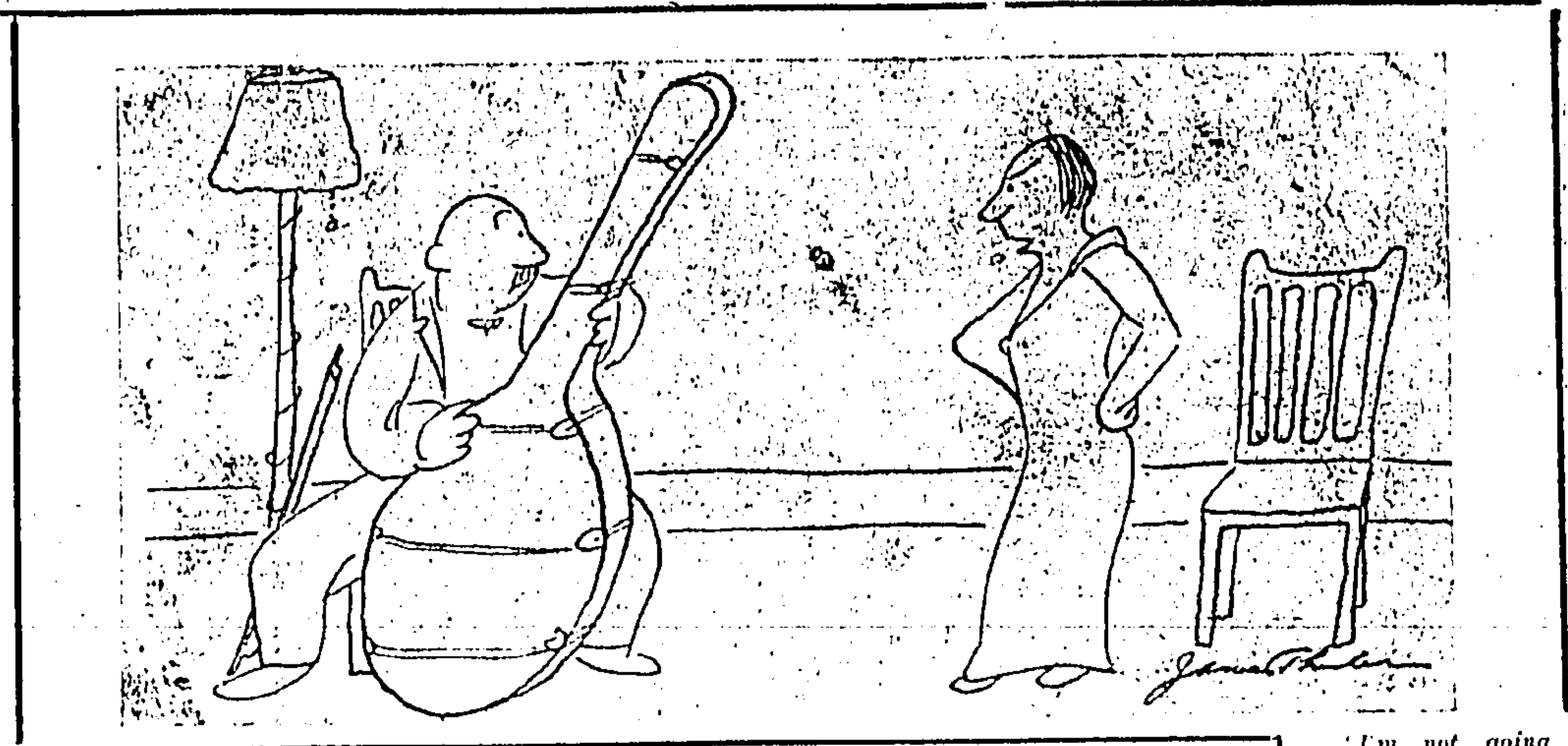
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some vinegar.
6. Mr. Pepys—Knowledge of
his future fame.
7. Henry VIII.—Another
wife.
8. Horace Walpole—A fresh
scandal.
9. Marat—A lock for the
bathroom.
10. Napoleon—A change of
warders.
11. Florence Nightingale—A
new lamp.
12. Dickens—Time to finish
"Edwin Drood."

Then what about people living
to-day? Here I suggest:—

1. C. B. Cochran—A wow.
2. Greta Garbo—A passage
home.
3. The ex-Kaiser—A tin
sabre.
4. Mr. (Hore-Belisha—Toy
soldiers.
5. Mr. Thomas Farr—14lbs.
more punch.
6. Mr. Littlewood—A swim-
ming pool.
7. The Japanese—Sanity.
8. Any Spaniard—Ditto.
9. The English Cricket
Team—Guts.
10. Gracie Fields—Another
"Sally."
11. Strube—Another twenty-
five years.
12. Gordon Richards—A Der-
by winner.

I COME now to the most
important principle in
the matter of Christmas pre-
sents. They must be useless.
Here is a list of useful presents
for which I, personally, should
say "Thank you very much,"
and then immediately dismiss
them from mind:—

1. Radio licence.
2. Bed socks.
3. The Works of Longfellow.
4. Gramophone record of the
Quins.
5. Garden roller.
6. Loofah.
7. Bulbs for window-boxes.
8. Skid-chains for motor-
car.
9. Horso-muzzle.
10. Beetle-powder.
11. Asparagus tongs.
12. Goloshes.



"I'm not going to
put up with one of
those things, so you
might as well not
unwrap it."

James Agate likes to get USELESS Christmas presents

What I do want and am
yearning to possess is:—

1. Pair of budgerigars.
2. Blackpool Tower in cork.
3. Smoking-suit in purple
corduroy with tangerine
lapels.
4. Tie-press in mother-of-
pearl.
5. Tortoiseshell walking-stick
and celluloid buttonhole
for evening dress.
6. Pagoda for poodle.
7. Poodle for pagoda.
8. Silhouette of Marlène
Dietrich in seaweed.
9. Portrait of Abraham
Lincoln in wool.
10. Hookah.
11. Howdah for white ele-
phant.
12. Model of National
Theatre.

BUT the people really
to be considered are
the kids. Here the rule is that
they must be given things
which fire the imagination. The
bitterest moment of my boy-
hood was when a hard-won
First Prize for Proficiency in
Science turned out to be Dar-
win's "Formation of Vegetable
Mould through the Action of
Worms."

But let me begin with the
lots. Never, never, NEVER

give children children's books.
Dr. Johnson knew about this, as
we see from Mrs. Piozzi's

"Anecdotes":—"Babies do not want to hear
about babies; they like to be
told of giants and castles, and
soe." "Westward Ho!" "Tom
of some what which can stretch
and stimulate their little
minds." When in answer I
would urge the numerous edi-
tions and quick sale of Tommy
Prudent or Goody Two Shoes:
"Remember always (said he)
that the parents buy the books,
and that the children never read
them."

THE same thing applies
to plays for children.
When I was a child the kind of
pantomime I liked was the
grown-up sort. I doted on one
in which the Principal Boy, at-
tired in tights and top-hat,
slapped her thigh and sang a
rousing ditty of which the bur-
den was:—

For I'm a man of the world,
A man of the world am I!
I cherish an undying admira-
tion for the late Macdonald
Hastings. For many reasons,
though one golden sentence
must suffice. This occurs in his
"Memoirs of a Child." Mac
said: "Never, never, NEVER
talking of an island called

Herm, where he used to spend
the summer holidays with ten
brothers and sisters. Herm
was of all islands the most
glorious, the most glorious
of all being Jethou, "which
we all thought must be
much better than Herm because
there were only two houses on
it." Now comes my golden
sentence: "The next year we
went to Cromer or some stink-
ing hole!"

Wee to the parent whose off-
spring should write in later
years: "We all wanted to go to
'Cinderella.' But father in-
sisted on taking us to 'The Glass
Slipper' or some stinking fan-
tasy!"

But to return to our books.
Here the matter is largely one
of age. Boys up to the age of
twelve should be given what-
ever is the modern equivalent
of the school stories of Talbot
Baines Reed and the adventure
yarns of G. A. Henty.

From twelve to fifteen
the masterpieces which they
will read now or never—such
masterpieces as "Robinson Cru-
soe," "Westward Ho!" "Tom
Brown's School-days," "Master-
man Ready," "The Last of the
Mohicans," "King Solomon's
Mines," "Treasure Island," and
anything by Jules Verne.
From fifteen to eighteen the
Heart of Midlothian, "David
Copperfield," "Vanity Fair,"
"The Cloister and the Hearth,"
"Adam Bede," "Barchester
Towers," "Many Inventions,"
"Kipps," and "The Old Wives'
Tale."

From eighteen to twenty-one
I recommend "Tom Jones,"
"The Vicar of Wakefield," "La-
vengro," "The Ordeal of Rich-
ard Feverel," "The Mayor of
Casterbridge," "Almayer's
Folly," and I venture to suggest
one Gissing and one Henry
James.

And, of course, any age from
fifteen onwards is right for
Boswell's "Johnson" and the
Diary of Samuel Pepys.

About girls, I suggest the
same curriculum, with the ex-
ception of "Tom Jones," which
they will not understand, and
"Many Inventions," which they
will dislike.

IN the matter of toys I
am inclined to think
that boys should have some-
thing corresponding to modern
invention, which means air-
planes, motor-cars and speed-
boats. I am not in favour of
trains, because father will play
with them and the child never
get a look-in.

As a thorough fogey and
were I the father of two child-
ren, I should give them a chess-
board of nobly-smelling leather
and a set of weighted chess-men
of the dignity which suits the
game.

In my view, nothing is better
for an afternoon at this season
than a roaring fire, an old-
fashioned sheepskin hearthrug,
black for choice, a supply of
oranges, and a set of chess men.
You play the game on your
stomach, and instead of chang-
ing over the pieces at the end
of the game, change places on
the hearthrug and so get the
other side scorched!

Little girls still, I suppose,
like dolls. In my day demure
maidens of six required a wax
effigy which opened two china-
blue eyes and said "Mamma!"
Now I shall reluctantly concede
that they prefer a bedizened
(Continued on Page 5.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Nope, I didn't sell it—just got married!"

Navy's Need For Western Base



Eleanor Holm, shown during a vacation at Miami, Fla., will have a \$500,000 swimming pool to star in, at the New York World's Fair, under a contract with Billy Rose, famed showman. When she finishes the contract, Mr. Rose said, they would be married and both retire from the show business. Rose recently was divorced by Fannie Brice.

Value Of Pembroke Dock

THE partial reopening of Rosyth Dockyard, announced recently, is an example of how the urgent requirements of national defence are overriding considerations of economy.

To cope with the vast programme of warship repair and reconstruction work now in hand the resources of Rosyth are to be made available. In wide circles of the Navy the re-establishment of Pembroke dockyard is held to be even more necessary.

Although Pembroke may be, as the Admiralty has stated, surplus to peace-time requirements, it would immediately become of vital importance in the event of war. This is because it is the nearest British base to the western approaches of the Atlantic.

Approximately half our total sea-borne trade passes through or near this area, for which reason it was a favorite hunting-ground for enemy U-boats in the last war.

"ATLANTIC GRAVEYARD"

Hundreds of merchantmen were sunk in the approaches, which became known as "the Atlantic graveyard," and scores of others damaged by torpedo or mine would have been lost but for the fact that they were

able to reach Queenstown (Cobh). Here they were patched up sufficiently to return under escort to an English port for repairs.

It is because the Southern Irish harbours may not be accessible as refuges and repair stations in a future emergency that an alternative base as near as possible to the Irish coast is considered by naval strategists to be indispensable.

The following are the distances from Queenstown to British ports: Pembroke 130 miles, Falmouth 185, Cardiff—Newport—Bristol 208 to 220.

Plymouth 225, Southampton 342, Liverpool 241, Belfast 207.

As will be seen, Pembroke is 50 miles nearer to the western approaches than any other port, and in the case of a badly damaged ship every mile saved is important.

Further, it is certain that in time of war all the existing western and south-western ports would be overcrowded, as they were in 1914-18. In a new emergency, the congestion would be intensified by the diversion of a great part of the shipping which normally discharges in London and other East Coast ports.

OVERWHELMING CASE

This alone would justify the reconditioning of Pembroke as an overflow port, and when the naval argument is added the case for immediate action becomes, it is considered, overwhelming.

It is urged that Pembroke be provided with facilities for serving the needs of escort vessels and destroyers on convoy or patrol duty in the Atlantic approaches and the Irish Sea. Using Pembroke as their base they would save 100 miles in proceeding to and returning from their stations.

Pembroke, being 300 miles from the East Coast, is comparatively safe from air attack, which could not in any case be delivered without ample warning.

Millport Haven, in which the old yard is situated, is one of the finest harbours in Europe. About 11 miles long, and from one to three miles wide, it covers about 20 square miles. It can be entered at all states of tide and in any conditions of wind.

During the Great War 4,000 men were employed in the dockyard,

First View Of World For 8 Years

For eight years Mr. Fred Walker, artist and designer, has been a patient in Highgate Hospital, keeping hands supple and eye in trim with brush and pencil for the day when he should return to the outside world.

The day is nearly here. Soon after Christmas he is to leave the hospital.

Mr. Walker is prepared to find London very much changed from the day he last saw it.

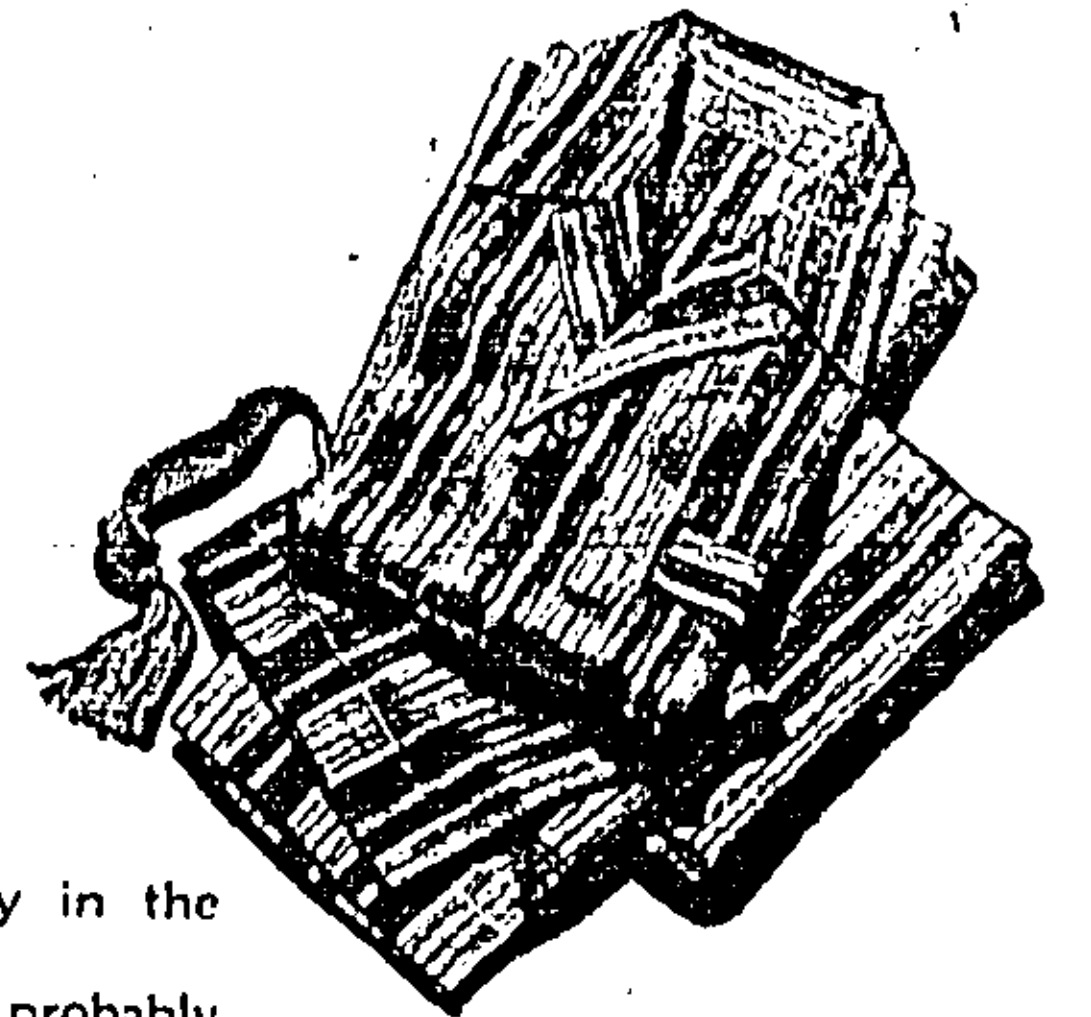
NURSES POSED

"There were no Bellish beauties and very few traffic lights when I was out and about," he said. "All I know of the modern girl's dress and the modern motor-car is what I see in the newspapers."

Mr. Walker has not been short of subjects for his art while in hospital. His fellow-patients and the nurses have been his models.

"The boys make the best subjects, but they just won't sit still," he said.

Ask him what he'd like from Mackintosh's



Ask him early in the morning he'll probably

wish for some new

pyjamas (from \$8.50).

DIAMOND IN ROAD AS NEW WARNING TO DRIVERS

Telling Them There Is a Sign Ahead

THE Earl of Onslow recently suggested that 100 yards in advance of a warning sign to motorists there should be placed on the roadway a green line or diamond sign.

He was giving evidence before the House of Lords committee on the prevention of road accidents.

The suggestion, he said, originated from his experience on the bench when one day ten motorists said that they had not seen a warning notice.

The Earl of Cottenham, originator of the mobile police and the "Coutessy Cops," spoke of the "unhelpful" attitude of the traffic department of the Metropolitan Police.

He said that the scheme had won the approval of a number of chief constables, and from the reports he had received from them the public appreciated the motives of the principle of co-operation.

"ABOLISH THE MINISTRY"

"I would like to advocate publicly that the Ministry of Transport, as such, should be abolished and should become a technical department of the Home Office, under the permanent head," said Lord Cottenham.

Continuity of policy in transport matters was essential, he said, and should not be at the mercy of political changes and goes.

Within the frame work of this proposed department of the Home Office there should be a road traffic committee, a rail traffic committee, and a waterway traffic committee, each with a permanent chairman.

The Traffic Department of the Home Office should be free, as the Ministry of Transport was not free, from the duty of consulting every road-users' association about every proposed scheme.

CRITIC OF HENDON

Lord Cottenham said that when he visited the police driving school at Hendon in 1936 at the invitation of Sir Philip Game, the Commissioner of Police, the whole standard of teaching there seemed to him to be too low.

Solicitor Sent To Gaol At 68

A sixty-eight-year-old solicitor with a long career, was mainly due to the fact that he was not able to put money aside for the leaner years, was sent to prison for 20 months at the Old Bailey recently.

He was Arthur Edward Francis, who pleaded guilty to converting £1,200 of clients' money.

Mr. L. A. Byrne, prosecuting, said Francis was admitted a solicitor in 1899, and had practised in Bishopsgate. In 1937 he was adjudged bankrupt with a deficiency of £8,721, of which £3,050 was due to clients.

During his examination he said that since 1928 his practice had declined, and he started borrowing heavily. To retrieve his position in 1934-5 he began to use clients' money.

Mr. Frank Milson, defending, said that for the greater part of his career Francis had conducted his business efficiently and honourably. He had been extraordinarily generous, paying the widow of a partner and a widowed sister £100 a year each.

At the age 60 his clients began to fall away and his position became hopeless. He had not lived extravagantly.

The general policy seemed to be based upon prosecution rather than upon education and the desire to co-operate.

Asked his opinion about police patrols being in plain clothes, Lord Cottenham said, "I disapprove very strongly indeed. It strikes an almost fatal blow at the principle of co-operation."

He considered the public's standard of driving to be "deplorably and unnecessarily low," and thought that it could be considerably raised in a comparatively short time—three, four or five years.

FLYING SAFER

"It is more dangerous to drive a car to-day than to fly an aeroplane, and nobody is allowed to go off the ground without being instructed by a qualified instructor."

Lord Cottenham advocated three types of roads. First, the motor road—pure and simple; second, the combined road—a road of the Ministry type, of comparatively short length, linking up industrial areas and London with seaside resorts; and, third, a good secondary road with footpaths and cycle tracks, but not with dual highways.

Curiosity Costs Cat's Tail

Oakland, Cal.
Tony, an Angora cat whose curiosity cost him his tail, is now in a condition to continue his investigation into the laundry business, without further risk—if not to life and limb, at least to tail.

B.B.C. Man Feared Dismissal

A B.B.C. musician and member of the Halle Orchestra, Frederick John Tilsley (44), of Sale, was sentenced at Derby Assizes recently to nine months' imprisonment for perjury.

His father-in-law, William Arthur Henegarty, of Rowley, similarly charged, received a like sentence. Mr. T. N. Winning (prosecuting) said Charles Armishaw, a water bailiff, told the Bench that he had seen Tilsley fishing from his father-in-law's garden and that subsequently the two men admitted to him the full facts.

Because of this, no corroboration was called before the magistrates, but the two men denied the charge. Tilsley stating that he had never fished in his life.

CASE DISMISSED

The case was dismissed and the Bench must have believed that Armishaw made up the story. Three other witnesses had since been secured.

On Tilsley's behalf, Mr. G. Smallwood said he had feared that the B.B.C. would dismiss him after the fishing case.

"The B.B.C. do some rather curious things with their employees," Mr. Smallwood added.

Naval Base "Colour Bar" Denied

INDIAN BRIDE SAYS "IT'S JEALOUSY"

COLOMBO (Ceylon).

MRS. BRINDA GORDON, nineteen-year-old Indian bride of Lieutenant David L. Gordon, of the naval survey ship Stork, recently described as "arrant nonsense" reports that her husband's career is being affected by the colour question.

She said: "The matter has never been raised. I have been received aboard the Stork, and at Trincomalee (the naval base) dances the commander-in-chief has specially picked me out as his partner. Only jealous people can have thought of upsetting us by the colour question."

"My husband and I are extremely happy, and there is no truth in the suggestion that he is leaving the Navy. It is the last thing I should wish for."

Mrs. Gordon is a niece of Lord Sinha, Hindu barrister peer, and daughter of the Hon. Mrs. Dutt, of London. She met Lieutenant Gordon at a bridge party given by his mother, Mrs. F. Jervis Gordon, at her home in Chapel-street, Marylebone, W. They were married in Colombo in May.

UNEMPLOYMENT UP BY 47,000 Textile Industries Improve

UNEMPLOYMENT in Great Britain increased by 46,876 between October 17 and November 14, bringing the total to 1,023,103. This was 228,000 more than a year before. The estimated number of insured persons aged 16-64 in employment was 12,258,000 on November 14, a decrease of 30,000 on the month and a decrease of 150,000 on the year.

The decline in employment was noted in—
Building and public works contracting, agriculture and horticulture, confectioning, iron and steel manufacture, hotel and boarding-house and transport services, the distributive trades, and entertainments, sport, &c.

Increased unemployment in coal-mining is unusual in November, and was evidently due to the mildness

of the weather and the falling off of export demand.
The industries which showed improvement last month included—Cotton, wool, and other textile industries, metal goods manufacture, and the motor-vehicle, cycle, and aircraft industry.

The rise in unemployment affected all the Ministry of Labour divisions except the Midlands:

	Inc. or dec. on month
London	+9,775
South-eastern	+8,621
South-western	+3,823
Midlands	-3,092
North-eastern	+4,430
North-western	+4,507
Northern	+1,624
Scotland	+8,980
Wales	+7,999

TOTAL ANALYSED

Included in the total of 1,023,103 were 1,455,000 wholly unemployed, 305,400 temporarily stopped, and 60,939 normally in casual employment. It comprised 1,360,083 men, 51,010 boys, 360,300 women, and 50,104 girls.

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'Head' Gave Beer At School

The Rev. Alexander Ross-Wallace, headmaster of a well-known public school, told the Cambridge magistrates recently that he had provided beer at school.

He was giving evidence for Clifford Frederick Victor Martin, aged 19, a Pembroke College undergraduate, who was charged with assaulting Police-Sergeant Ives on the night of November 5. The case was dismissed.

Police-Sergeant Ives said that while on duty near a lamp in Market-hill, round which was a large crowd of undergraduates, he felt a kick. He heard a remark, turned, and saw Martin in the act of kicking at his legs.

INJURED ANKLE

Martin, denying the allegations, said that he had injured his ankle and at the time it was strapped up in plaster. It would have hurt him to kick anyone.

Mr. C. H. Parker, prosecuting, referred to a statement by Martin that he had had "a glass or two of beer," and asked, "Did he drink beer at school?"

Mr. Ross-Wallace: I provided it, sir.

The Bench allowed the name of Martin's school to be written down and it was not divulged.

Rheims Replica Carved

Tacoma, Wash.
Thomas Jacobsen is a cement finisher by trade, but he'd rather do wood carving. In three years he carved from alder, birch and walnut a three and one-half foot high replica of the Rheims cathedral.

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Girl Student Of 17 "Adopts" A Family

A 17-year-old art student, a girl living in Portland Place, London, whose name is not revealed, has "adopted" a needy couple in Durham and their five young children.

Her action was disclosed by the Rev. H. F. Pickering, Vicar of St. Nicholas Church, Durham City, recently, when he defended in the pulpit the effort that he, with Lady Jane Legge, is making to secure help for poor families in his parish.

"In Durham City alone there are 1,000 men on the dole, and there are incredible thousands in the county. There are many brave souls fighting against tremendous odds to help themselves," he said.

"RELUCTANT RICH"

"I know of a man who rises at 4 a.m. to ride his cycle more than 20 miles to work and then back again at night in order to keep his job and not go on the dole."

"That man has a brave wife and five young children living in two rooms. If the father and mother have not tried to help themselves I don't know who has."

"I thank God that I have been able to link that family up to a young art student in London who will take care of them."

Durham County's problem ought to be a national concern, he said, and the reluctant rich in the South ought to be educated to their responsibility.



WON WORLD VOYAGE

Lucky American Girl In Hongkong

"Why I want to go to the China Seas?" was a question which Miss Dorothy M. Shaw, of New York, recently answered so well that he reply won her an essay competition and a trip round the world. She is a through passenger by the President Adams, which reached Hongkong yesterday, and is the only passenger who is booked with the ship for its complete round-the-world voyage.

The competition won by Miss Shaw was sponsored by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in connection with the Gable-Harlow film "China Seas." Miss Shaw, a smartly-dressed brunette, is in charge of the American Express Company's travel bureau in McCree's Store, New York. Her tour gives her only a day in Hongkong, for she sails with the President Adams at noon to-day.

Redrawing the Czech-Hungarian frontier as German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, left, and Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, at Belvedere Palace, Vienna. By this draft Hungary gained more than 4,000 square miles of Czech territory.

Adventurers In A Junk

Shanghai Russians To Return

As unostentatiously as it had set sail from Shanghai round the world the Russian-impelled junk-riding junk Adventure returned recently its top-mast broken, but its crew of eight, including two pretty young girls, undaunted and still hopeful.

The White Russian junk, skippered by a Briton, Captain A. C. Heslop, set sail for Hongkong, the first port of call on its world-girdling itinerary. For a day all went well, but the junk calmed into stormy weather.

The junk, which was considered one of the most seaworthy vessels of its kind yet to embark upon such an adventure, weathered the sea well. But the topmast was old and cracked under the strain.

Approximately 70 miles out of Shanghai, the junk was turned back. The return trip was made with the remaining sail and the six-cylinder automobile engine.

The crew includes Luba Schenkoff, Olga Alkner, Chief Officer Leo Tomashevsky, Engineer Leo Rudchenko and Seamen Serge Mursanoff, P. Platakoff and V. Dzule, intends setting out again as soon as the necessary repairs on the boat are completed.

The Adventure may not arrive in San Francisco in time for the opening of the Fair there next February.

According to its itinerary, the route to San Francisco was to be via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Java, Australia and New Zealand. The crew originally intended to remain in San Francisco for the Fair and then to return to Shanghai via the Panama Canal, British West Indies, Canary Islands, Great Britain, Europe, Suez Canal, and from there across the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal and through the Straits of Malacca to Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai.

The unique feature of this adventure was the presence on board the junk of Luba Schenkoff and Olga Alkner, both of whom gave up their jobs at a high class French town restaurant to sail with the Adventure.

DIVORCE PETITION

The divorce petition of Dorothy Isabel Tan, a European woman, against her Chinese husband, Mr. Peng Yung Tan, a Singapore lawyer, was withdrawn without prejudice, to her rights to making a fresh petition when the matter was heard before Mr. Justice Pedlow in the Singapore High Court.



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I had done
as I was told—
I wouldn't have
this nasty cold!

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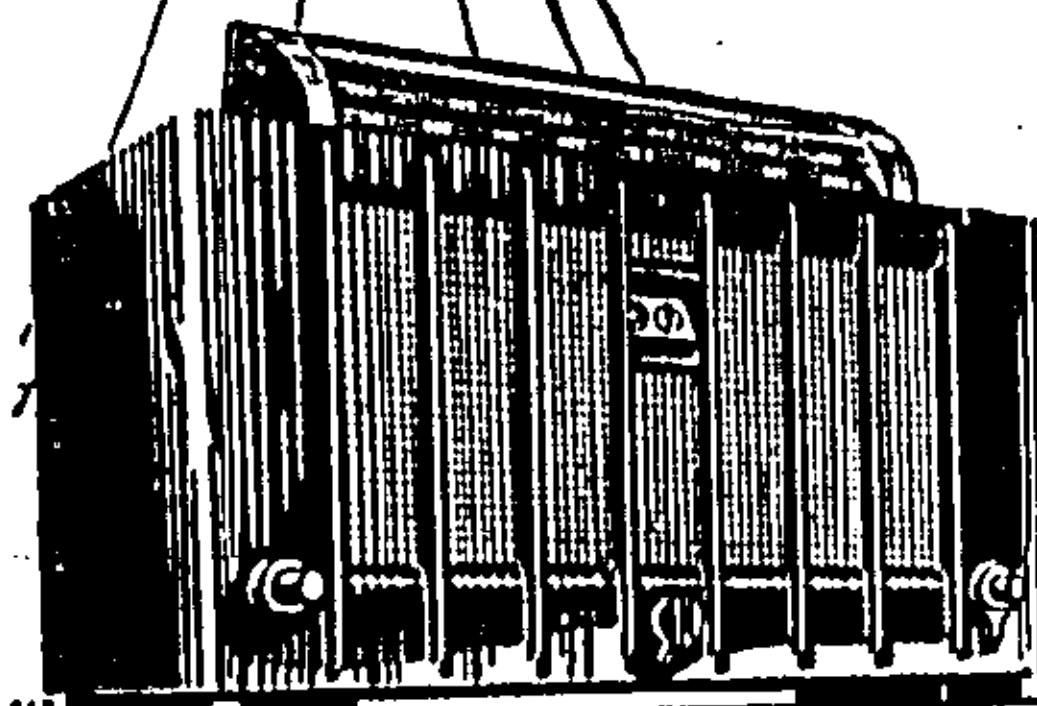
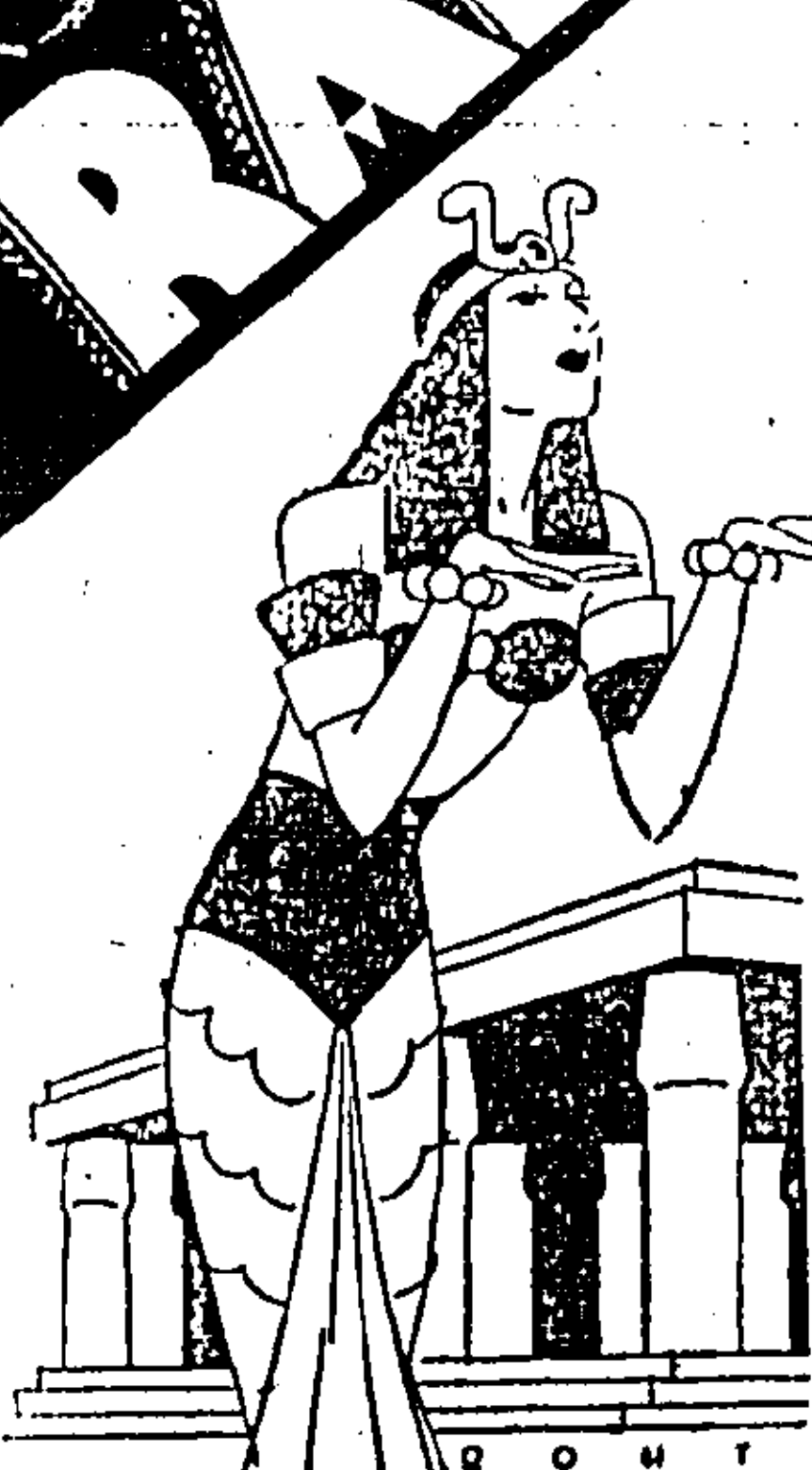
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LOCAL RACING SEASON ENDS BEFORE HUGE CROWD

SPLENDID FEAT BY EU STABLE IN TARDY H'CAP Silkylight Again Lowers A Record

(By "Captain Foster")

The Hongkong Jockey Club closed their racing season last Saturday before one of the largest crowds ever assembled at Happy Valley. The dollar cash sweep counter was the chief attraction, the first prize in the opening event, the Hongkong Autumn Champions, being well over \$2,000 and ticket No. 1225 was worth \$5,574.80 for an outlay of \$2 in the last contest.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was the wonderful success of the Singapore philanthropist, Mr. Eu Tong-sen, whose three nominations, Lucky (with Mr. Encarnacion), Rose Jane (Mr. W. Poy) and Rose-Queen (Mr. S. W. Poy) finished first, second and third respectively in the Tardy Handicap for "C" class China ponies. It was a hard fought-out battle, Lucky winning by a length and the same margin separated the other two ponies. Mr. Eu Tong-sen should feel proud of the record.

Champion's Wonderful Running

Silkylight Too Good For Field

Favoured with a good going, Silkylight, owned by Mr. Eric Moller of Shanghai and ridden by his son Mr. R. B. Moller, annexed the Hongkong Autumn Champions in record time of 2.21½ by many lengths, lowering Liberty Bay's track figure established on February 22, 1933, by two three-fifths seconds. It was certainly an amazing feat, the first quarter being covered in 28½ seconds and the next two furlongs were galloped in 28½ seconds. The third quarter was slackened to 29 seconds, but the speed of the next two furlongs was accelerated to 28½ seconds and then Silkylight came down the home

stretch in 27 seconds with a few pounds to spare.

We all knew that Silkylight was a first class animal, but we had no idea that he possessed such wonderful legs. It may not be known that the last mile was run in 1.52½ against the record time of 1.55 held by Diana Bay and the last half-a-mile was negotiated in 55½ seconds.

As was anticipated, Bear Claw jumped to the front at the release of the barrier followed by Confusion Bay, Silkylight and Expression Time, but I noticed that when they reached the bottom of the hill, Bear Claw was labouring owing to the fast pace. However, as they neared the ½ mile post, Confusion Bay took up the running and the first three quarters of the circuit were journeyed in 1.20½ which was a grand show. At this juncture Silkylight dropped back as if he could not follow the leader and there was a tremendous excitement in the two stands.

Coming down the Black Rock, the order was Confusion Bay, Bear Claw, Silkylight and Expression Time, and there was daylight between the runners. All the glasses were focussed on the ponies and those 1,570 backers on Silkylight must have thought that their money had gone west.

At the 1¼ mile beacon or thereabout the triple crown winner shot forward in a most remarkable way and believe it or not, Silkylight was leading the pack at the top of the home stretch. Confusion Bay stuck to Mr. Eric Moller's candidate until the distance when he began to flag and Boogie Moller, who rode a clever race on Silkylight, was tickled to cross the "W. P." by many lengths. It was a fine race and the combination of Silkylight and Moller remains unbeaten.



Activity in the paddock after the saddling bell in the Dilatory Handicap, first leg of the "Double" at Saturday's races. New Star (Mr. S. W. Pan up) is at the head of the line, followed by the winner, Double Chance, ridden by Mr. A. W. Raymond, and Plain View (Mr. H. C. Pih up) which came second. On the right Mr. V. V. Needa is seen mounting Ebony Idol which was unplaced.—Pictorial News.

NO FLUKE IN LUCKY LAD'S WIN

Well-Timed Race By V. V. Needa

I raise my hat to Lucky Lad, a "B" class Australian pony, winning the Queensland Autumn Champions and there was no fluke about his victory. The jockey, Mr. Needa, nursed the pony and rode a nice race. Prior to this classic event, Lucky Lad finished behind Vixen Tor (winner) in the New Bridge Handicap for "B" class over six furlongs and in the circumstance I never expected that he had a chance of becoming the champion pony.

It was indeed a great pity that the hot favourite, Courting Eve, went lame after covering half the distance. The veteran Snowy River (1935 sub-

Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following are the teams specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow:

Home Winners

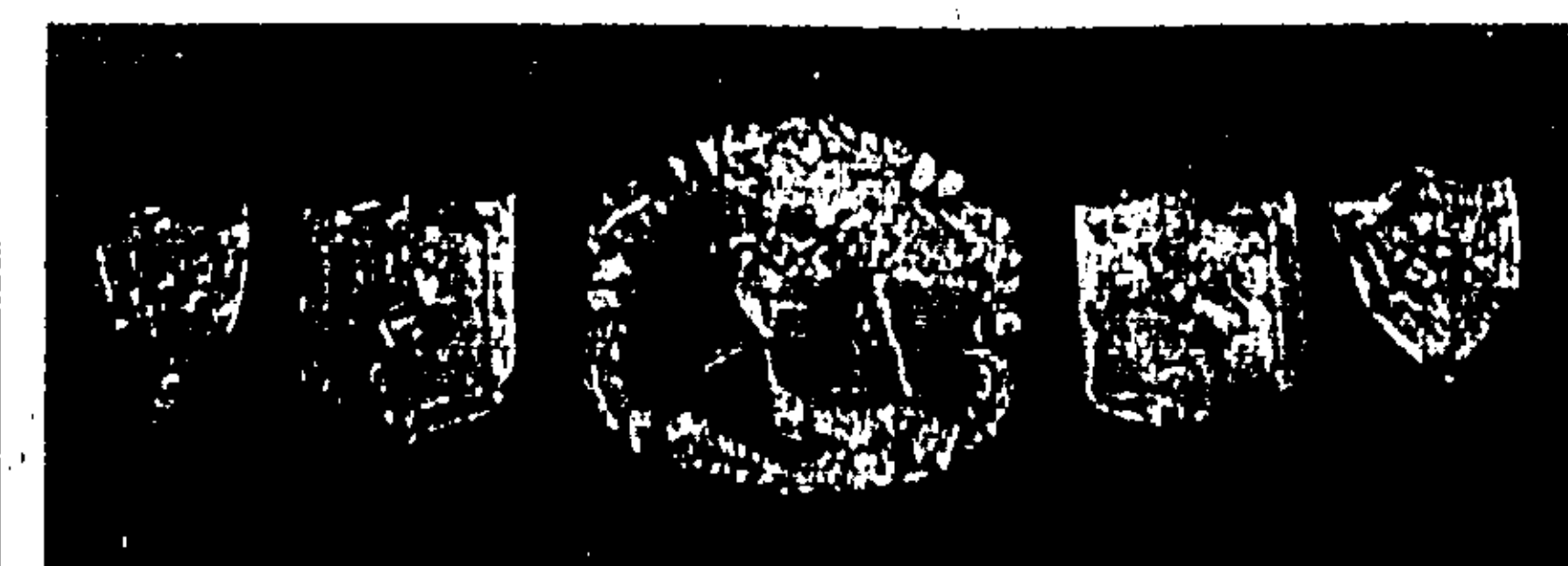
Everton
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Northampton
Hamilton
Rangers

Optional Selections

Charlton
Hull
Stockport
Bradford

(griffin), surprised us by running into a third place and she was also from the "B" brigade.

Readers and punters will no doubt be interested to know that Lucky Lad was by Tom McCarthy and there are three sons by the same sire among the consignment which arrived here about the beginning of August for 1939 Annual Carnival. Pony No. 40 belongs to Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, No. 52 is owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton and No. 55 is the property of the stable Ciro. They have not as yet been named, but keep an eye on them during the training season. Centre Court gave a very disappointing display and so did the Spring champion, Strathroy.



Above is a picture of the Bantamweight Belt of the 2nd Lt. The Royal Scots, which was won last night by Pte. Craig, who beat Pte. 40 Scott. The Belt was presented by Capt. (QM) Fraser, one time Lightweight Champion of Scotland, who won it outright when a Sergeant in the Regiment, 1912, 1913, 1914.

Here And There With "Abe"

First Test Starts In S. Africa To-morrow

THE M.C.C. cricketers in South Africa under the captaincy of Walter Hammond will embark tomorrow on the task of regaining possession of the "rubber" which has not been won by England since F.T. Mann's team visited the Union in 1922-23. It is generally considered in South Africa that the M.C.C. has sent out its strongest side for 50 years. For the first time, England will be represented by the full strength of its home eleven, with Hammond leading a model team—the sort of side that the student of cricket would pick from the formula of the text book. The matches played by the tourists to date confirm the high opinion held of the team at the beginning of the visit, and no doubt the chances are that England will win the series, which begins at Johannesburg to-morrow. Four days have been allocated to each Test match, and the First Test will be played on December 24, 25, 27 and 28; the Second on December 31; January 2, 3 and 4; the Third on January 20, 21, 23 and 24; the Fourth on February 18, 20, 21 and 22; and the Fifth on March 3, 4, 6 and 7.

Relying On Spin

IT is expected that the home players will rely mostly on spin bowling to foil the M.C.C. batting stars. Louis Duffus, a leading South African cricketer, says that one reason why South Africa may rely on spin bowlers is the responsiveness of the wickets. This may be so, but at the time of writing the South African team has not been chosen, and it is possible that a different policy may be decided upon by the South African selectors. So far the only thing known is that Alan Melville, former Oxford University and Sussex captain, has been chosen to captain the Union team in all five Tests.

Popular Choice

FROM all accounts it is a popular choice; for no player in South Africa knows more about contemporary English cricket, while Melville has also been described as one of the best batsmen against spin bowling of his generation, although he does not seem to be in his peak form at the moment. That the highest respect is being held of his captaincy is shown by the comments of Hammond and Sir Pelham Warner when his selection was announced. Hammond said, "I am delighted that Melville has been chosen to captain South Africa. I have known him a number of years, and am pleased he is to lead the team." Sir Pelham stated, "We all know Melville as a very good cricketer, and he was a very successful captain both for Oxford and for Sussex. Naturally I cannot hope that he will lead South Africa to

victory, but I am certain that he will get the best out of his side."

Tribute to Hammond

SIR Pelham Warner recently paid the following tribute to Hammond's captaincy last season: "Great on the field of play, he (Hammond) was an able, inspiring and sympathetic leader. Captaining an England eleven is never an easy role. Hammond filled the position splendidly in every respect. . . . It is a tribute that will receive universal support; yet it is not without irony to those who have good memories. In the space of one year he has captained England through a Test series with Australia and has been made a full member of the M.C.C. He has been nominated for the captaincy of his county, and is now leading an M.C.C. England team in South Africa. He would have done none of those things had he remained a professional. Sir Pelham Warner led the way in paying tribute to a great cricket captain with the words quoted, from his article in the Cricketer's Annual.

Women's Swimming

IRENE van Fegelen's feat in swimming the 200 metres backstroke

COACH FOR NOTTS CLUB NEXT YEAR

Sir Julien Cahn has agreed to defray the cost of coaching the Notts County Cricket side for the next three years.

The decision of the Club to engage D. J. Knight as Technical Adviser to the Club with a former Australian Test player, Alan Fairfax as his assistant, follows the decline in standard of play by the Club last season.

Last season Notts, once one of the strongest counties finished 12th in the championship table. In 1937 Notts fell from fifth to 10th place.

at Amsterdam on Sunday last in 2 mins. 39 secs. once again brings to mind the tremendous progress swimming has made during the last 15 years. Many present-day women's records are of the same standard as even the Dutch men swimmers have best performances about 1923. It has happened before that an outstanding girl athlete has paved the way for the men. Only a few years ago, the Dutch girls ruled the swimming world while their countrymen were far below international standard. Now even the Dutch men swimmers have come to the fore and have produced a European champion, but the leading Dutch coach for both sexes is still Mme. Braun. Now a precedent of far-reaching importance has been created in Belgium. Mile. Caron swam the 1,000 metres (about 1,100 yards) in 14 mins. 31 sec., thus not only lowering the former women's record by 2½ min. but even surpassing the men's record held by Guillinis with 14 min. 43 sec. Thus a girl became champion of both sexes in Belgium. Probably not such a thing has happened before.

Subscription Griffins Drawn For

China Ponies For 1939 Season

The Hongkong Jockey Club's China pony subscription griffins of 1939 were drawn by Mrs. D. C. Edmondston and Mrs. T. E. Pearce in the presence of H.E. the Governor, stewards and a good crowd of owners and racing fans during the week. The draw resulted as follows:

Draw No.	Drawn By	Colour	Height
201	Mrs. F. C. Hall	Grey	41½
202	P. P. D. & Co.	Grey	41½
203	F. S. K.	Bay	41½
204	Mrs. Eu Tong-sen	Bay	41½
205	L. & E. Edgar	Grey	41½
206	Lady Northcote	Grey	41½
207	Hollandia	Grey	41½
208	John P.	Brown	41½
209	S. T. Williamson	Grey	41½
210	J. H. Jensen	Grey	41½
211	Lo	Ches.	41½
212	Craig	Ches.	41½
213	Moller and Johannessen	Grey	41½
214	S. W. Lee	Ches.	41½
215	Shields and Stanton	Grey	41½
216	Dynasty	Ches.	41½
217	Foursons	Ches.	41½
218	Wong Sul Ngau	Ches.	41½
219	Lucky	Ches.	41½
220	Choy Wing Chiu & Co.	Ches.	41½
221	C. H.	Black	41½
222	Gredka	Black	41½
223	F. S. K.	Grey	41½
224	W. P.	Bay	41½
225	Young, Hing Yuen	Bay	41½
226	Diamonds	Dun	41½
227	Teeter and Abraham	Ches.	41½
228	K. C. C.	Black	41½
229	S. M. K.	Ches.	41½
230	S. S. L.	Ches.	41½
231	P. & K.	Ches.	41½
232	Li Bros.	Ches.	41½
233	Hollandia	Ches.	41½
234	L. & E.	Bay	41½
235	Necan	Bay	41½
236	Lopes and Lang	Dun	41½
237	Dr. S. N. Chai	Black	41½
238	Chung Huyen	Bay	41½
239	Mrs. F. C. Hall	Grey	41½
240	Tam	Ches.	41½
241	Mrs. Dunbar	Bay	41½
242	G. W. Sewell	Grey	41½
243	Mrs. S. N. Chai	Black	41½
244	S. T. Williamson	Ches.	41½
245	Why	Cream	41½
246	Chau Bros.	Ches.	41½
247	C. N. K.	Black	41½
248	K. F. Wong	Dun	41½
249	Sport	Ches.	41½
250	Fish	Ches.	41½
251	Eu Tong-sen	Black	41½
252	Lee Shiu Kee & S. W. Lee	Bay	41½
253	Hope	Grey	41½
254	Dynasty	Dun	41½
255	M. H.	Black	41½
256	Dr. Lee Shiu Kee	Bay	41½
257	Winner	Black	41½
258	Mancie	Ches.	41½
259	Relation	Ches.	41½
260	Li Po-chun	Day	41½
261	G. T. Wong	Bay	41½
262	S. W. Tang	Ches.	41½
263	Jolly Co.	Ches.	41½
264	Cocoon	Bay	41½
265	Primos	Grey	41½
266	Li and Po-chun	Brown	41½
267	Li and Po-chun	Black	41½
268	Buccaners	Ches.	41½
269	Macgregor	Ches.	41½
270	C. S. N.	Bay	41½
271	Eu Tong-sen	Grey	41½
272	Anthony	Bay	41½
273	Chiu Cheong Fan	Black	41½
274	Henry	Ches.	41½
275	Black and White	Ches.	41½
276	Lee	Bay	41½
277	Gredka	Grey	41½
278	S. N. L.	Ches.	41½
279	Chiu Li Po-chun	Bay	41½
280	T. M. Gregory	Bay	41½
281	H. Leigh	Ches.	41½
282	W. K. Yeung	Bay	41½
283	John Peel	Ches.	41½
284	Manetta	Ches.	41½
285	REJECTED	Ches.	41½
286	L. Dunbar	Ches.	41½
287	Zeung Bros.	Ches.	41½
288	Chou, Shannon and Fong	Ches.	41½
289	Moller and Johannessen	Grey	41½
290	Mrs. T. E. Pearce	Bay	41½
291	Sports	Cream	41½
292	Mrs. H. Taggart	Bay	41½
293	Mrs. J. H. Taggart	Ches.	41½
294	C. K. L.	Ches.	41½
295	E. L.	Grey	41½
296	Lui	Ches.	41½
298	Marber I.	Grey	41½

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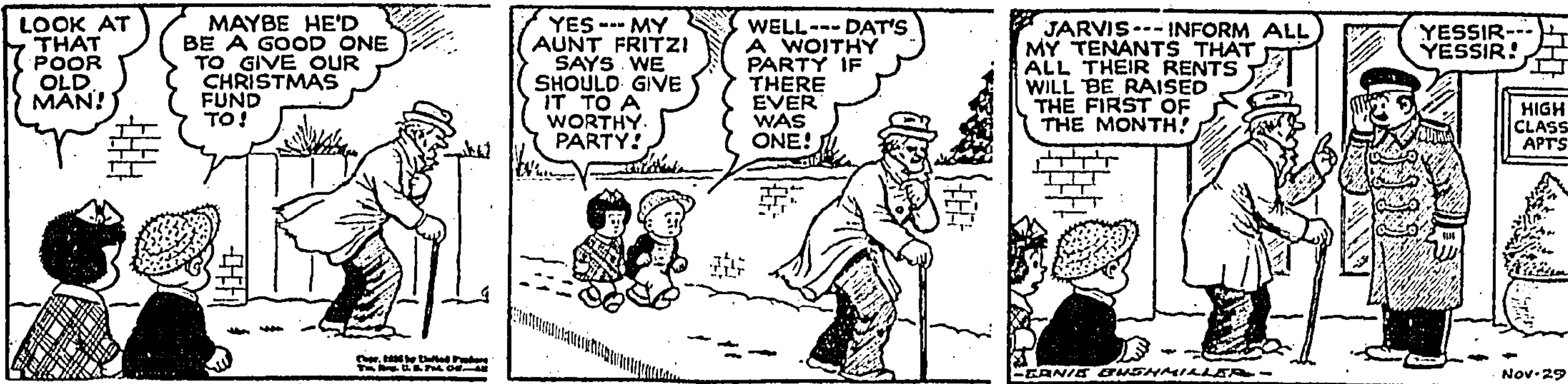
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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



FANLING RACES START ON BOXING DAY

SATISFACTORY ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR EVENTS

(By "Captain Foster")

The official opening meet of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held at Kwanti on Boxing day.

For the convenience of racing public there will be special trains at 12.12 p.m. and 1.25 p.m. to Fanling and return at 5.50 p.m. and 6.51 p.m. to Kowloon. The Railway first class return fare is \$2 including admission to the Racecourse. Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 and Service Men in uniform are charged at half price.

With the curtain drawn down at Happy Valley we now look forward to Fanling to provide us with thrills over the sticks and fences. Of course its popularity, especially among the Navy and Army officers, is too well known and it is learned that a few low class Australian and China ponies have recently changed ownership. As a result, satisfactory entries have been received in fact the Stewards have decided to divide the Jorrock Plate into two divisions on account of the large number of nominations.

Schooling a jumper is entirely a different proposition from flat racing, but it is best to commence operations while the pony is young. Many a hurdler has proved a failure owing to the eagerness of the owner trying to make the pony jump without proper schooling.

However, owing to the long drought, the going will no doubt be hard and, judging by the forecast, does not look that the weather clerk will be kind enough to provide a soft course.

Ebony Idol Should Win His Event

The curtain raiser will be the Tai-po Handicap, a steeplechase for China ponies, over 1 1/2 miles and there are no less than 11 entries. It is hard to follow the line of the handicapper's allotment of weights. Estover, who annexed this contest last year with the limit load of 168 lbs., has again been set to shoulder the same weight, but Ebony Idol (the winner of the Fanling Grand National and the most exclusive event) has to carry 3 lbs. less. In the latter steeplechase, Ebony Idol was considered by the handicapper to be 2 lbs. better jumper than Estover (the jockey weighed out with 1 lb. overweight) and it is interesting to relate that these leapers never met again. If my memory serves, Estover came a cropper when taking Lou's Leap, but it is strange to see that a pony should be penalised 5 lbs. for a technical knockout or in other words not completing the course. As a racer at Happy Valley, we all know that Estover can concede two stones to Ebony Idol, but what has the former done at Fanling to be placed at the top of the assessment? Ebony Idol won three clever jumping events last season and he will be the first one to hand in his card to the judges on Boxing Day followed by Estover and Araxy. Diogenes or Double Chance is, in my opinion, a good outsider.

JORROCKS PLATE "B" DIVISION

In the Jorrock Plate "B" division which is a hurdle event over 1 1/4 miles, there is not much class among this section. Arabian Cat is new at the game and so is Rexiana, the former being a better animal, I like, however, The Minx, Canary and Silver Fox.

GOOD HURDLERS IN THIS RACE

There are several good hurdlers in the Jorrock Plate "A" division

Coming Attraction



"IF I WERE KING"

TABBY CAT MAY NOT ACCEPT

By virtue of his win in the Final Handicap at Happy Valley last Saturday, Tabby Cat has incurred a penalty of 7 lbs. and this meet has to shoulder 172 lbs. in the Happy Valley Handicap, a fat race over a mile for "E" class China ponies. I have good reason to believe that Tabby Cat will not accept and it looks the second pony, Mac's Adventure, will have no difficulty to present his card to the judges. Easy Time and Stylin should be in the limelight at the finish. I do not expect that any of the low weights will upset the applicant, but Palmer, who has been kindly treated, is very tempting at 145 lbs.

10 ENTRIES FOR CANBERRA H'CAP

The Canberra Handicap, a steeplechase over a course of 1 1/2 miles for Australian ponies, has attracted no less than 10 entries with the inclusion of Mr. G. Trevorton's Brutus who is at the top of the ladder with 168 lbs. Llanegollen, Sen Urchin, Spectrum and Tevidante are the new comers and I have not much information about them. However, Brutus, who annexed the Australian Grand National on March 7, 1937, in my fancy with Spark Plug and Plummary to finish behind.

CONSOLATION SCURRY

The meeting will terminate with a consolation scurry, a flat race of half-a-mile for China ponies that have started at the meeting and not been placed first or second, and I am sure that it will not lack the usual keenness and interest. I much regret, however, that the tipping must be left to readers' discretion owing to post entries.

SELECTIONS FOR FIRST FIVE RACES

My selections for the first five events are as follows:

TAIPO HANDICAP

Ebony Idol

Estover

Araxy

JORROCKS PLATE "B" DIVISION

The Minx

Canary

Silver Fox

JORROCKS PLATE "A" DIVISION

Jack O' Lantern

Zero

Meleor

HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP

Mac's Adventure

Easy Time

Stylin

CANBERRA HANDICAP

Brutus

Spark Plug

Plummary

was cluttered up with conflicts which

Dorris Lee Surprises

Dorris Lee Upchurch thought it highly irregular when authorities at the University of Alabama insisted he take a course in physical education for women. But he appeared at the first class, 6 feet tall and pipe in mouth. He was excused.



Walter Woolf King and Della Lind take the principal singing roles in "Swiss Miss," starring Laurel and Hardy. The picture comes to the King's Theatre to-morrow as the Christmas attraction.

30th Battery Overcome Stanley League Football Ties Decided

After a hard fought game at Happy Valley yesterday, 30th Battery, R.A., managed to overcome Stanley by one goal scored during the first half. The winners displayed much better combination and were far superior in their finishing ability.

The game opened with Stanley on the defensive and Yearling went close for the Battery, his passing shot striking the cross-bar to go over. At this stage, with the strong wind in their favour, the Battery's intermediate line were making a glaring mistake in the manner in which they overkicked their own forwards. However, after 25 minutes, they went ahead through Cook who netted with a fine shot that gave the goalkeeper no chance whatsoever.

On the resumption play was most even but with only five minutes left for play Halpin netted what appeared to be a perfectly good goal which the referee immediately awarded, but on the intervention of the linesman he reversed his decision in favour of Stanley to award a free-kick for hands.

The Battery were best served in defence by Hole and Guy whilst Cook and Flanders displayed clever combination on the left wing. Hall, Marsh and Frier were the outstanding members of the Stanley team.

MEDICALS BEATEN

Goalkeeper Collides With Centre Forward

Yesterday on St. Joseph's ground Stonecutters W/T kept up their challenge to the R.A.F. in the Third Division "B" Section in defeating the Medicals by the only goal of the match. There was very little over which to enthuse in this meeting as both teams kept the ball far too much in the air and in view of the very strong wind that was blowing across the pitch very little constructive play was seen.

Stonecutters took up the attack from the kick-off and after five minutes play a goal looked certain but Wyne brought off a really fine save and in doing so sustained a nasty cut on the head through colliding with Chapman, the Sailors' centre-forward; his injury necessitated him leaving the goal and assuming the left wing position, whilst Parkin filled the vacancy between the sticks. Following this interruption Stonecutters opened the scoring through Chapman.

On the resumption, although having the wind in their favour, the Medicals were continually on the defensive and only hesitancy in front of goal robbed Stonecutters of many good scoring opportunities. Play continued to be most one-sided, but the Medicals defended stoutly and not

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Of Human Hearts" (King's Theatre, to-day).—An honest, sincere and moving film. Though somewhat spoiled by a melodramatic ending, the story of a stern frontier pastor, his self-sacrificing wife and their strong-willed son who forgets gratitude in his selfish ambition benefits tremendously by Clarence Brown's fine direction and the performances of Beulah Bondi, Walter Huston, James Stewart, Gene Reynolds, Gene Lockhart, Charles Coburn and Charley Grapewin.

"White Banners" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Sentimental inspirational drama which takes on a certain nobility through the excellent performance of its principal characters. Fay Bainter is the serving woman who enters a household on a cold winter morning and remains to become a firm counsellor and a strong defence against adversity when it arrives. The climax comes after the master of the house, a poor professor has been his "helpless leech" invention stolen and is persecuted by the servant that by not fighting he will turn defeat into victory. Miss Bainter is outstanding, and others in the cast lend excellent support. Claude Rains, Kay Johnson, Jackie Cooper, Bonita Granville, Henry Healy and James Stephenson are the supporters.

"Non-Stop New York" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Gaumont's prophetic picture of trans-Atlantic passenger service. A fast-moving film, well-directed and well-acted. Anna Lee, English "Glamour Girl," shines honours with John Loder.

"The Crowd Roars" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Robert Taylor prize-fighter. This should remove the last doubt about his virility. But this prize-fighter is no plug-ugly. He is a gentleman who reads H. G. Wells and likes him. Mr. Taylor here falls in love with the daughter (Maureen O'Sullivan) of a gambler who has bought his contract. An exciting melodrama is worked out before the final reunion. Edward Arnold, Frank Morgan, William Garman, Lionel Stander, Nat Pendleton.

"Rich Man, Poor Girl" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A third filming of the good old Cinderella play called "White Collars," telling how the wealthy man helped the poor family and married the daughter. Robert Young, Lew Ayres and Ruth Hussey.

Further goals were added before the final whistle.

For the Medicals Parkin was a very capable substitute between the sticks and Webb and Leverington showed a welcome return to form in the full-back division. Florence was the pick of the intermediate trio who has been the only forward to trouble the Sailors' defence.

For Stonecutters Kew defended stoutly at full-back and all three halves performed creditably. Among a quick moving set of forwards Garfield and Ferris were outstanding, the former being the only one to impress with marksmanship.

Army And Club To Meet Again

Second Round Of Rugger Tourney

The second round of the annual Rugby Football Triangular Tournament between the Army, Navy and Club will commence on Saturday when the Club plays the Army on the Club ground at Happy Valley. The game will commence at 4 p.m. and will be refereed by Lt. Cmdr. Linton.

His Excellency the Governor has stated that he will watch the match. In the first round of this tournament the Club had an easy win over the Army after an opening period of twenty minutes when it looked any body's game. The Army then lost their scrum-half and a forward through injury and later another member of the pack was hurt and became practically a passenger. Thus, playing against virtually twelve men, the club were able to score freely in the second half and eventually won by 28 points to 3 points.

It is hoped that the Army will be more fortunate next Saturday, and that the close game which was promised at the out-set of the first match will this time materialise. The Army will be all out to avoid the wooden spoon for this year's tournament as they have yet to register a win. Spectators should see a close and lively game.

Prior to the Triangular Tournament match the Club "A" XV will play a Navy side. This match will commence at 2.45 p.m. and will be refereed by Mr. J. A. T. Selby.

Army and Navy sides have already been published. The Club sides have been selected as follows:—

1st XV.—W. M. MacGrath, G. K. Chudwick, H. D. Bidwell (Captain), V. E. Griever, D. H. Stewart, F. Cessford, J. R. Henderson, K. A. Russell, K. W. Salter, A. J. G. Taylor, E. C. Luscombe, W. E. Peers, H. W. E. Heath, W. B. Richardson, and J. Redman.

"A" XV.—J. T. Brown, D. I. Bosanquet, G. S. Wilson, D. Hynes, C. J. Powell, J. Hutchison, R. Rutherford, C. M. Stark, P. W. Burton, R. G. L. Oliphant (Captain), E. A. Bompas, J. Moodie, A. G. Dalziel, K. H. G. White and G. J. P. Carey.

NOVEL SOFTBALL GAME ARRANGED FOR XMAS DAY

A novel game of softball has been arranged to take place on the C.B.A. ground at King's Park, at 10.30 a.m. on Xmas morning, in which men and girls of the C.B.A. squads will take part.

The two nines will be evenly matched and in order to make the game more difficult for the men taking part, they will be forced to play left-handed through-out.

At noon, the draw will take place at the club premises of a race for a motor-car which has been conducted in order to raise funds for the club. All those who have bought tickets are requested to come to the club.

TRANSPORT OF PONIES

Ponies entered for the Happy Valley Handicap of the Fanling Race Meeting on Boxing Day will be transported free to Kwanti, and they must be at the Kowloon railway station at 9 a.m. on Christmas Tuesday, arrived at Kowloon at 9.55 a.m.

"B" class ponies, which have been promoted to "D" class will be eligible to run in the Happy Valley Handicap as their promotion does not become effective until January 1.

Wed at Police Station

TURLOCK, Cal. Love laughed, it not with lock-smiths, at least with turnkeys when Marion Olds and Miss Kathryn Martin were married at police headquarters. Desk Sergeant David C. Peters, a retired clergyman, officiated, while Chief of Police E. W. Grady was one of the witnesses.

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Sandy McPherson was travelling to Glasgow, and on the way felt thirsty, so he took out a bottle and unscrewed the cap. Just as he was about to take a taste a fellow passenger in clerical garb addressed him: "Excuse me, sir, but I am sixty-five years of age, and I have never tasted a drop of whisky." "Dinna worry yersel," said Sandy, "you're no gaun the start noo."

WHITE HORSE WHISKY

GOOD BOXING SEEN AT ROYAL SCOTS TOURNEY

The finals of the individual boxing championships of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots were held at Murray Barracks last night. Some good boxing was seen, and perhaps the best bout of the evening was that between Cpl. Elliott and Pte. McCreedy, which was won by the former on points. Both boxers fought gamely throughout the three rounds, and in the end they were congratulated by the chief judge.

Another bout, which was greatly enjoyed by the spectators was that between L/Cpl. Miller and L/Cpl. Barker. It was a case of experience against youth and, though beaten, Miller, who is 87 years of age, put up a good display.

After Lieut.-Col. D. J. MacDougall, Officer Commanding, had congratulated the winners and the football team on their victory over South China "A" a few days ago, Brigadier F. W. T. Reeve gave away the prizes.

The following were the results: Bantamweight—Pte. Craig beat Pte. 40

CRAIGENGOWER DRAW

The draw for the Craigengower Christmas draw, which took place last night, resulted:

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CHOOSE A SMALL BIRD AND COOK IT THIS WAY

SELECTION is extremely important with any kind of poultry, but to-day the housewife's task is made considerably easier, as birds are carefully graded in all the big shops.

Staleness in turkeys or chickens shows very little until they are actually on your plate.

Fine Skin

Choose birds of fine skin—the colour is not so important as the fineness of the pores. Although white-skinned birds are supposed to be more tender, with good cooking a yellow-skinned bird can come to the mouth as tender as a peach.

Turkey is best eaten hot—cold turkey having a tendency to taste rather like tough mutton. Don't then, buy too large a bird. It's usually safe to allow two to three pounds of weight in reckoning your size of bird—an eight-pound turkey for six people, a ten-pound turkey for seven or eight people, and so on.

The best possible way to cook both turkey and chicken is in a covered aluminium baking dish with ventilator top. You are then saved all basting troubles, and need not touch the bird until half an hour before serving, when you dish or open the ventilator wide.

Wipe your bird over with a clean cloth wrung out in warm water. Use small, neat wooden skewers to fasten up the stuffing, and be rather extravagant with the butter you use for basting.

On this important occasion, you should allow yourself from 15 to 25 lb. of butter in which to cook the bird. Melt the butter in a small saucepan and pour it over the bird just before it goes in the oven. If you wish a crisp skin to the bird, lightly beat the butter with a fork.

Cook slowly in a moderate oven, increasing the heat for the browning process of the last half-hour. All 15 minutes' cooking per pound of bird, plus the extra half-hour at the end.

Stuffings

WHAT you stuff your birds with is entirely a question of your individual palate. A chestnut stuffing is excellent with either turkey or chicken at this time of year.

For this allow one pound of chestnuts to a good-sized bird, and boil them thoroughly in their skins first. Then plunge into cold water and leave for ten minutes. By that time the skins should come off quite easily, including the brown, fibrous underskin.

Found the chestnuts very finely. Blend the nuts with a little butter and either cream or eggs. Add salt, pepper, and a tiny pinch of mustard to flavour, and fill the bird tightly.

Your Christmas beef should be ten days old; then it will be in really perfect condition. Wing ribs and shanks are the most popular joints. The flesh should be bright red. If it is at all purple it is stale, and if it is a very pale red it will be tough.

Wipe the joint over with a wet cloth and then flour thoroughly with flour in which you have mixed salt and pepper in your dredger.

Cook in a deep dish with a good sized knob of butter on top as well as any beef dripping you may have. Baste all joints frequently unless you are using a cover.

Serve with butter pudding and at least two vegetables.

Watch Your Windows

MANY modern houses have such delightful broad window-sills that they deserve to be well dressed.

Window-sills lend a great deal of character to a room if the housewife has taste and ingenuity.

In a house seen recently every room possessed its window ledge and each was differently dressed to suit the individual need of the room.

The lounge, for instance—a large blue room overlooking a busy street, and therefore having net curtains.

Right across the windows—had a tall cream vase in the centre of the sill filled with dahlias to match the colour scheme, flanked by a pair of squat vases of a pale shade of blue, each filled with a small posy of pink and blue flowers. The effect was pleasing against the mistiness of the net curtains.

Books, by the way, should be put on window ledges where they do not show from outside. Placed in uncurtained windows with only the

I'M GOING to be MARRIED

on New Year's Eve

"SUCH a rush I've had," the manageress of a dressmaking establishment said to me—

whilst I was being fitted for a new dress.

"I'm going to be married on New Year's Eve. We've got the house, what about you giving a hand with the furnishing?" she whispered in her best wheedling voice.

"Right," I said, "that's easy. You'll spend the afternoon at the Woman's Fair with me. Everything you want you will find there under one roof."

"But mind," I said, as later on we went into Olympia. "No fun and games this afternoon. You can come back later with your young man and enjoy the fun of the fair, but to-day it's serious business."

"As you are going to continue your business for a time you want a house that will practically run itself, and there will be no better servant than electricity."

In the Pavilion devoted to electrical equipment we found all that was worth while in stoves and lighting, heating and labour-saving.

"Wait a minute for colour schemes," I said. "First you want help about the workshop of the house, so let's absorb some of the details in the model health and cleanliness kitchen."

We then looked round for the newest ideas in labour-saving. One of the nicest things about modern times and

edges of the volumes seen from outside, they do not look their best. In the kitchen, where the colour scheme is green and white, a white window sill with a tubby green vase kept filled with the cottage garden type of flower looks effective.

A dining-room recently seen had one of those delightful flower rings holding short-stemmed flowers on its broad sill, and on each of the smaller sills—was a 'boy window'—a small one to match filled with a similar colour scheme of flowers.

Windows are so prominent a part of any room that it pays to make them attractive. If taste and simplicity are the keynote.

P. M.

Janet Jay with a Bride-to-Be at Woman's Fair



We've already signed the agreement for the house.

The modern kitchen is that "Black Monday" need not exist any more.

Given the proper washing equipment, you can get through the week's laundry, sheets and all, in double quick time and have it ironed and out of the way by Tuesday.

The first thing I noticed about the new Kloppele electric cabinet washing machine is that the enamelled top is just the right height to use as an extra table, and beautifully cool for pastry making. So the washing machine is a useful piece of furniture and does not waste floor space.

Opened up, the cabinet reveals an efficient washing machine which is as easy to use as a vacuum cleaner. The wringer, which stows away in a cupboard in the base of the cabinet, adjusts its tension automatically to the material going through, and the soft upper roller is kind to buttons and press studs.

The bowl itself is octagonal, and a new idea to ensure maximum agitation of the soapy water and thorough washing of every kind of material.

You can choose a vacuum cleaner to suit your own particular needs and the Goblin brand is a good one. If you have large carpets or fitted carpets, the sweeper type of cleaner is usually satisfactory.

I noticed that the Goblin "Mojarch" a vibrator-sweeper cleaner which gets all embedded dust and grit out of the carpets, is made in a sensible size so that it is not too bulky to stow away in a cupboard.

If you have heavy curtains, picture rails and so on to keep clean, the cylinder type cleaner is probably the best type for you, because it has a good range of accessories for dealing with all the odd corners about the house.

The carpet nozzle of the Goblin "Shoop" cylinder cleaner, I noticed, has an agitator device for picking up cottons.

The price complete, by the way, is six and a half guineas.

So many people have spoiled their floors with rugs that I saw a special note of a new automatic polisher on another stand. You can use this with a long handle for floors or a short one for furniture.

It carries its own supply of wax, which is automatically spread over the floor surface, and for polishing you slip a polishing cap over the base. The standard model costs 7s. 6d.

"As you usually forget to wind your watch up," I remarked, "what about that clock which plugs into a controlled A.C. mains and goes on and on without stopping? Or you can have a self-contained battery unit which won't need another thought for 800 days. A faithful servant that is never absent, never late!"

We watched a new miniature electric grill frying bacon and grilling Welsh rabbit on a plate, and a girl moving grease stains from a silky fabric with a dab of powder and a little water.

And several coal cookers were working just as they would in your own kitchen!

"CARPETS," exclaimed my dressmaker friend, "I need guidance about these."

"There's your object lesson," I said, as we gazed at a lovely range of self-coloured ones on The Times Furnishing Stand. "Half-colours you have agreed upon right through the house, except in the dining-room—where a well-covered pattern helps to obliterate footmarks round the table and stains from spills by the sideboard."

"Pawp, beige is the fashionable underfoot colour at the moment. You can have a pinky tone or a yellow one, according to your scheme."

"A man needs a 'feedin'," she said, "Let's go up to the food gallery."

We lingered here sampling tit-bits both sweet and savoury. They all tasted so fresh and good, which set me thinking that it was time to start ordering extra supplies for Christmas.

Soup is a grand stand-by for all times, and on the Heinz stand we found the full range of cream and meat soups.

I was told that the distinctive flavour

of each one is due to the fact that each soup is prepared from its own special ingredients.

Rich cream is the basis of all the cream soups, and nutritious cuts of meat are used for the meat varieties.

"We have left the mothercraft section until last," I said, "as that seems to be the most important of all."

"Maybe," my friend said, with a tiny smile. "But that department can wait for the time being. There's a time for everything!"

CUSTOMS TARIFFS

Drastic Restrictions In North China

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

Reports are freely circulating in usually well-informed circles in Tientsin, according to a report from that city, that a number of changes in Customs tariffs for North China are at present under consideration.

It is understood that last month the Peiping Provisional Government authorities drew up a list of items the importation of which it was proposed to restrict drastically. The list is said to comprise 95 numbered sections, including all luxuries.

The German Chamber of Commerce reports that it has obtained an advance list which, it is stated, would later be made available to other importers.

The authorities in close touch with the Provisional Government denied the reports when they were first circulated, and since the announcement of the American credit loan to the Chinese Government and the reported impending British loan, reports of a revision of the Customs tariffs have begun to circulate with greater persistency. Rumours go as far as to suggest that there will be a prohibition on the import of all but Japanese goods into North China.

Revenue Increases

None of these reports or rumours can be confirmed, but it is the general impression here that the final intentions of the Provisional Government have not yet crystallised.

Imports into Tientsin have increased heavily during recent months and Customs revenue has rocketed. The increases are generally believed to indicate, firstly, that goods are again reaching consumers in the interior, secondly, that importers increased their stocks owing to fears of extreme restrictions against imports, and, thirdly, uncertainty over the currency situation resulted in goods being hoarded in preference to cash.—Reuter.

A Trans-Ocean message from Shanghai says the Japanese authorities there profess complete ignorance of the matter.

The Customs authorities state that officially they have received no information to that effect and that no definite ban and been imposed so far but they add that they are aware that import restrictions are to be tightened up considerably in the near future.

Japanese Report

Shanghai, Dec. 22. Confirmation of reports that a revision of Customs tariff in North China might be expected in the near future was given by the Japanese news agency Domei to-day. It states that revision of the present tariff is one of the questions to be discussed at a meeting of representatives of both the Reformed and Provisional Governments which opened in Peiping to-day. Other questions to be discussed include regulation of raw cotton exports, postal administration, consolidated tax system, exportation of raw materials and control of trade.

The adhesion of the federated Mongolian Autonomous Government and the recently formed Canton Peace Maintenance Commission to the joint commission of the two Governments will also come up for discussion, it is understood. The Nanking delegation includes Liang Chung-chih, Wen Tsung-yao, Chen Chun and Hsin Chi-feng, and the Provisional Government delegates are Wang Keh-min, Wang I-lang and Chu Shien.—Reuter.

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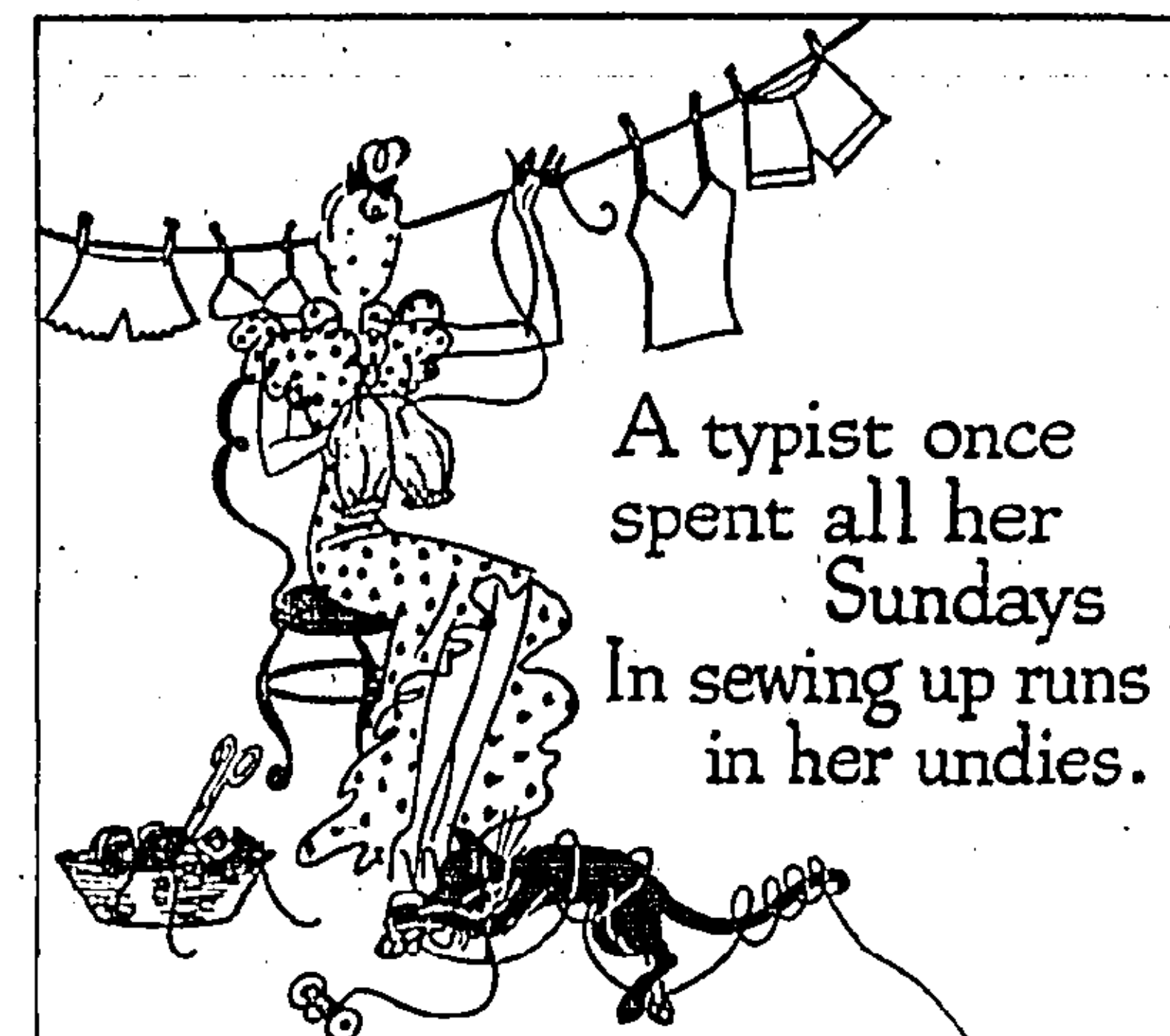
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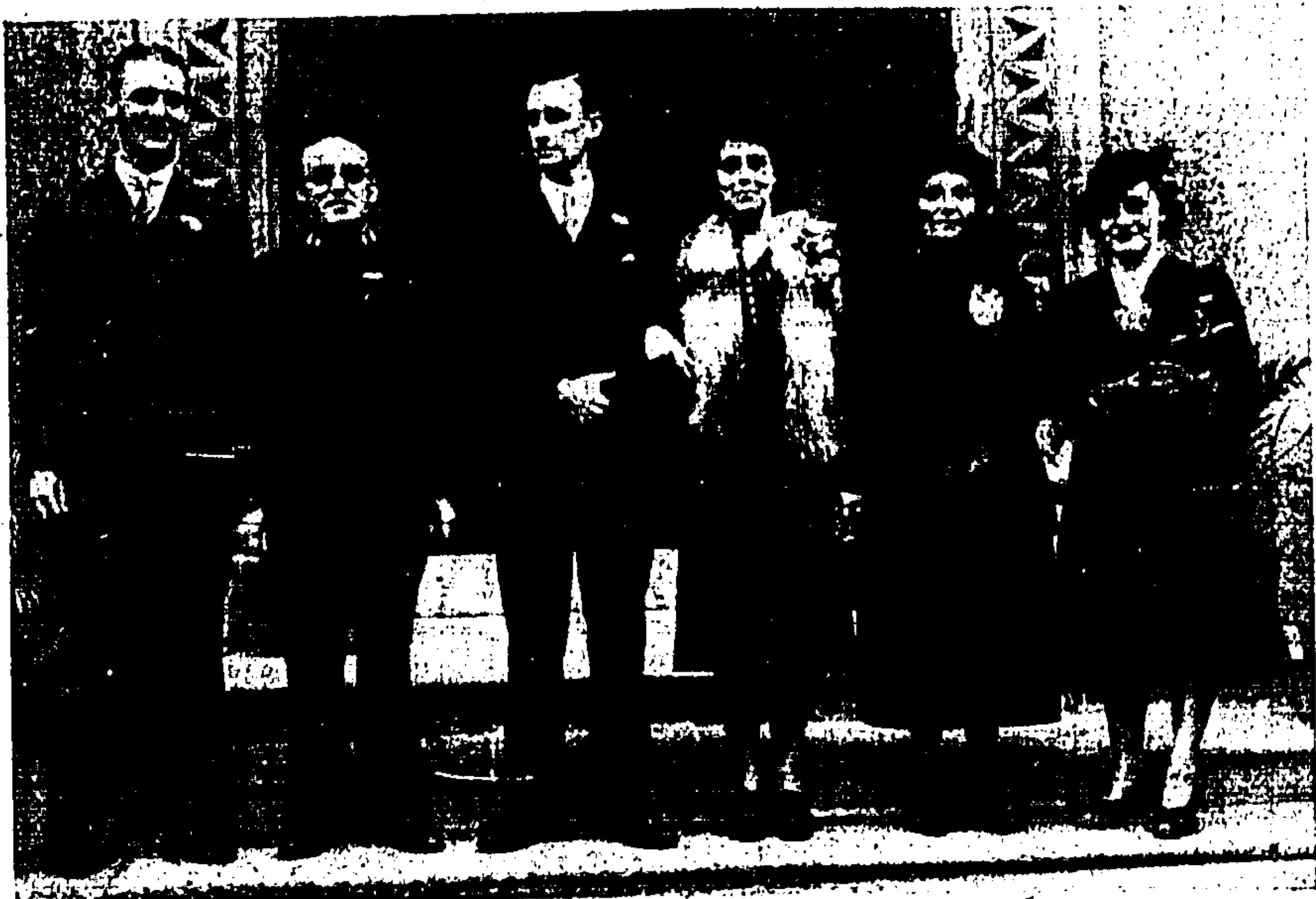
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"IF I WERE KING"

PHOTO NEWS



Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. L. A. Scopes, Vice-Consul in Sharnoon, and Miss Brunhilde S. Rolfe, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. V. E. Rolfe.—King's Studio.



An enjoyable Christmas dinner party for service men was recently given by the Ladies Committee of the Cheero Club when the above photograph was taken.—King's Studio.



The shops in Hongkong are contributing to the Christmas spirit by decorating their windows for the celebrations.
LEFT, Dodwell and Co. advertise hampers.
BELOW, "Craven A" is prominently displayed in another Dodwell window.
AT BOTTOM, The Lane, Crawford toy window.
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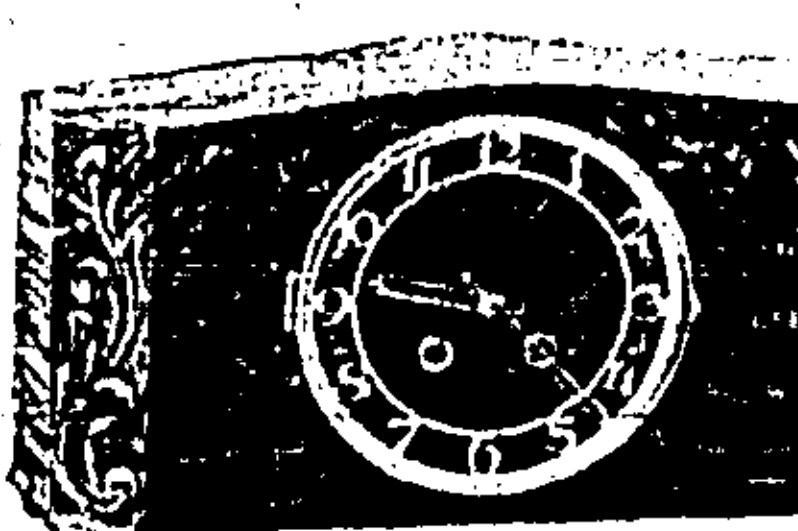
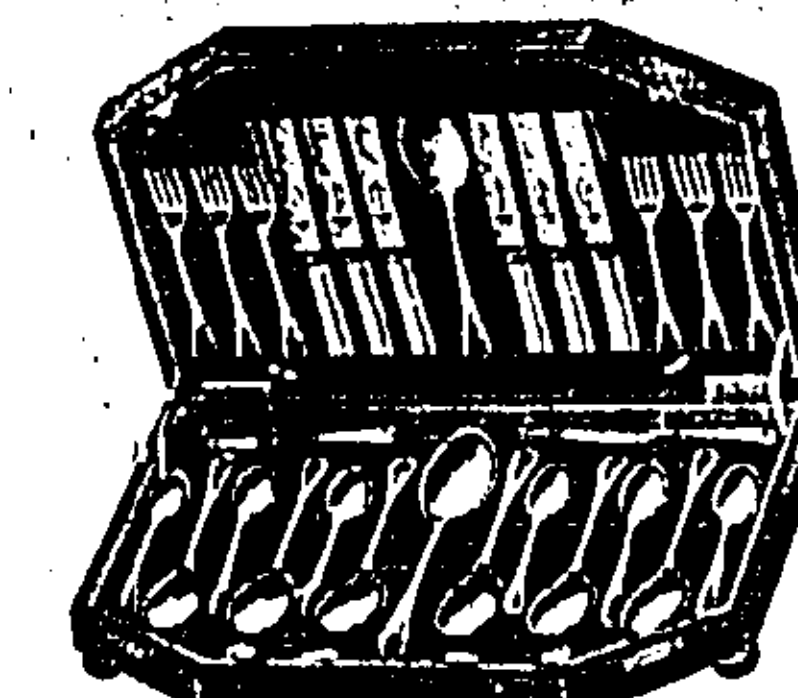
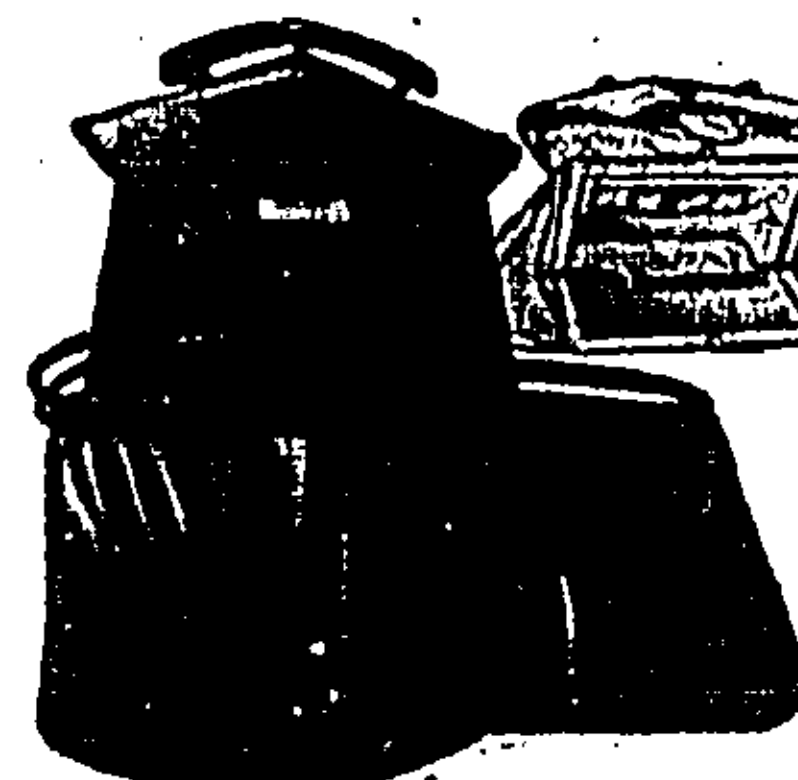
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AIR RAIDS PRECAUTIONS Opposition Questions Measures

LONDON, Dec. 22.
THE ADVANTAGES of the measures advocated by Sir John Anderson with regard to national defence and air raid precautions in the House of Commons yesterday, were called into question to-day on the motion for the adjournment.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab.) questioning Sir John's experience, urged a deep tunnelling system under the streets, with tunnels 45 feet deep. Viscount Wolmer expressed disappointment that no provision was made to use concrete instead of steel sheets, which had created enormous casualties in Barcelona. The provision of concrete shelters, he had now adopted a system of underground shelters, was not ruled out.

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China Approaching 1939 With Confidence

LONDON, Dec. 22.
"CHINA APPROACHES the new year with confidence, based not only on the impregnable position of the National Government, our leader, and the valour of the Chinese people, but by virtue of increased international readiness to help China," said Mr. Quo Tsi-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, in an interview to-day.

The reasons for supporting China become daily more formidable through Japanese depredations of British interests, added the Ambassador. The United States, by granting China credit and borrowing facilities underlined the spirit of financial co-operation, saying that this may well be only the beginning.

"I am gratified by the many indications, even definite steps, that Britain, with still more vital interests at stake than the United States, is now fully aroused to the menacing realities. Japan has over-reached herself so conspicuously that even the most hesitant British business interests realise that only by China's triumph can the legitimate Western interests survive in the Far East."

"Now at this Christmas season, every Chinese feels heartened and happier by this development, added to the constant British benefactions for Chinese sufferers in the devastated areas."

I am confident that the new year will mark a turn of the tide in China's favour.—Reuter.

JAPAN MAY RECALL AMBASSADOR

Resentment At Soviet
Attitude On Fisheries

TOKYO, Dec. 22.
JAPANESE RESENTMENT about the lack of conciliation on the Soviet side regarding renewal of the fisheries agreement is so strong that the recall of the Japanese Ambassador from Moscow, in case the negotiations fail completely, is believed not to be out of the question.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" claims that such a measure is being considered in Government quarters in order to stress the importance which Japan attributes to the protection of its fishing rights.

Ambassador Togo, following a conference between Premier Prince Konoye and other Ministers to-day, received a new set of instructions for immediate discussion with M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Minister.—Trans-Ocean.

Representation On Suez Canal Board

LONDON, Dec. 22.
The present national representation on the board of the Suez Canal Company is: French 10, British 10, Egyptian 2, Dutch 1, said the Secretary to the Treasury, Captain Euan Wallace, when questioned in the House of Commons to-day.

This representation compared with the previous Board comprising 20 Frenchmen, ten British, one Dutch and one German.—Reuter Special.

Goebbels Suffering With Influenza

Berlin, Dec. 22.
The Reich Minister of Propaganda, Dr. Josef Goebbels, is suffering from acute influenza, and will be confined to his bed for several days, it was announced here this evening.

He will therefore be unable to speak at the large Christmas festival planned for Friday evening, and will, instead, be represented by the Reich Commissioner for Winter Relief, Herr Hilgenfeldt.—Trans-Ocean.

Home Of 'Turn Again' Whittington Destroyed

LONDON, Dec. 22.
MANOR COTSWOLD, the residence of Sir Alan Anderson, M.P. for the City of London, was almost completely destroyed by fire to-day.

For centuries it was the home of the descendants of Dick Whittington.
The flames spread so quickly that Lady Anderson, who was trapped in her bedroom, only escaped by lowering herself from the bathroom window by a rope of knotted towels.
The Cheltenham fire brigade had a desperate struggle to reach the scene of the fire through a blinding mist, and had to be three times dug out of snow-drifts.—Reuter Special.

Chamberlain's Visit To Italian Capital

Rome, Dec. 22.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain's visit to Rome will be followed by a journey by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano to Belgrade, it is stated in diplomatic circles here.

It has already been announced that the trip of the Hungarian Foreign Minister to Rome will not take place until Count Ciano returns from Belgrade.

The Italian press has been stressing for some days past the desir-

Agreement No Longer Valid, Say Italians

PARIS, Dec. 22.
IT WAS STATED to-day that the Italian Government informed the French Ambassador to Rome some days ago that it regards the Franco-Italian agreement of January 7, 1935 as no longer valid, because it is no longer responding to the requirements of the situation.

It may be recalled that the agreement in question, which was concluded on behalf of the French Government by ex-Premier Laval on a visit to Rome, was intended to settle various problems outstanding between the two countries, including that of Tunis.

Exchange of the ratifications of the treaty have never taken place, and the view was recently expressed in Italian circles that the agreement therefore had no legal existence. The opposite view, however, has been held by the French Government. The attitude which France will now adopt is not yet known, but political circles here believe that the French Government will take its stand on the terms of the memorandum addressed by it to the Italian Government in April, 1936, which is said to have stressed the French Government's readiness to settle all outstanding differences between the two countries.

The well-known French political writer, "Perrinax," affirms in his paper "Ordre," that the memorandum also emphasised the standpoint of the French Government that concessions made to Italy, particularly with regard to Tunis by the 1935 agreement, must be considered as the extreme limits of concessions to which France was prepared to go.—Trans-Ocean.

ability of closer relations between Budapest and Belgrade, and it is generally assumed that the visits of the two Foreign Ministers will be devoted largely to the realisation of this aim.—Trans-Ocean.

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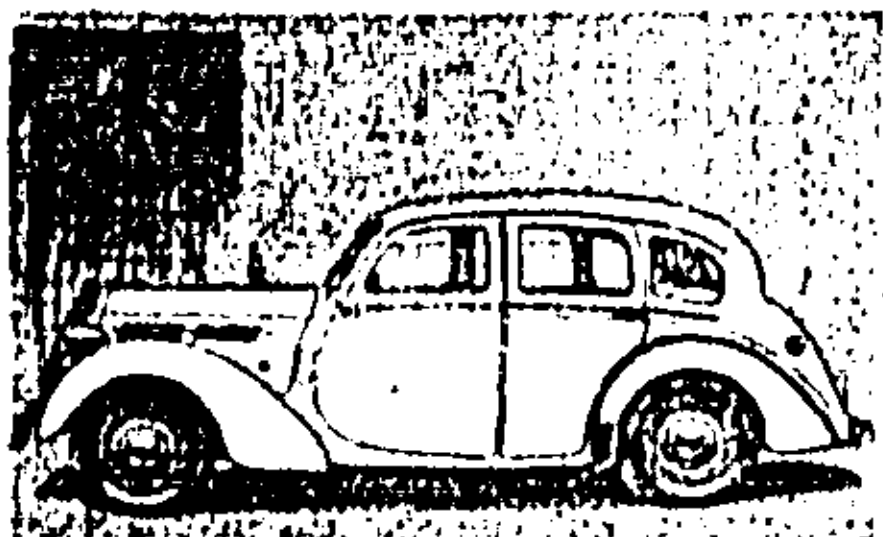
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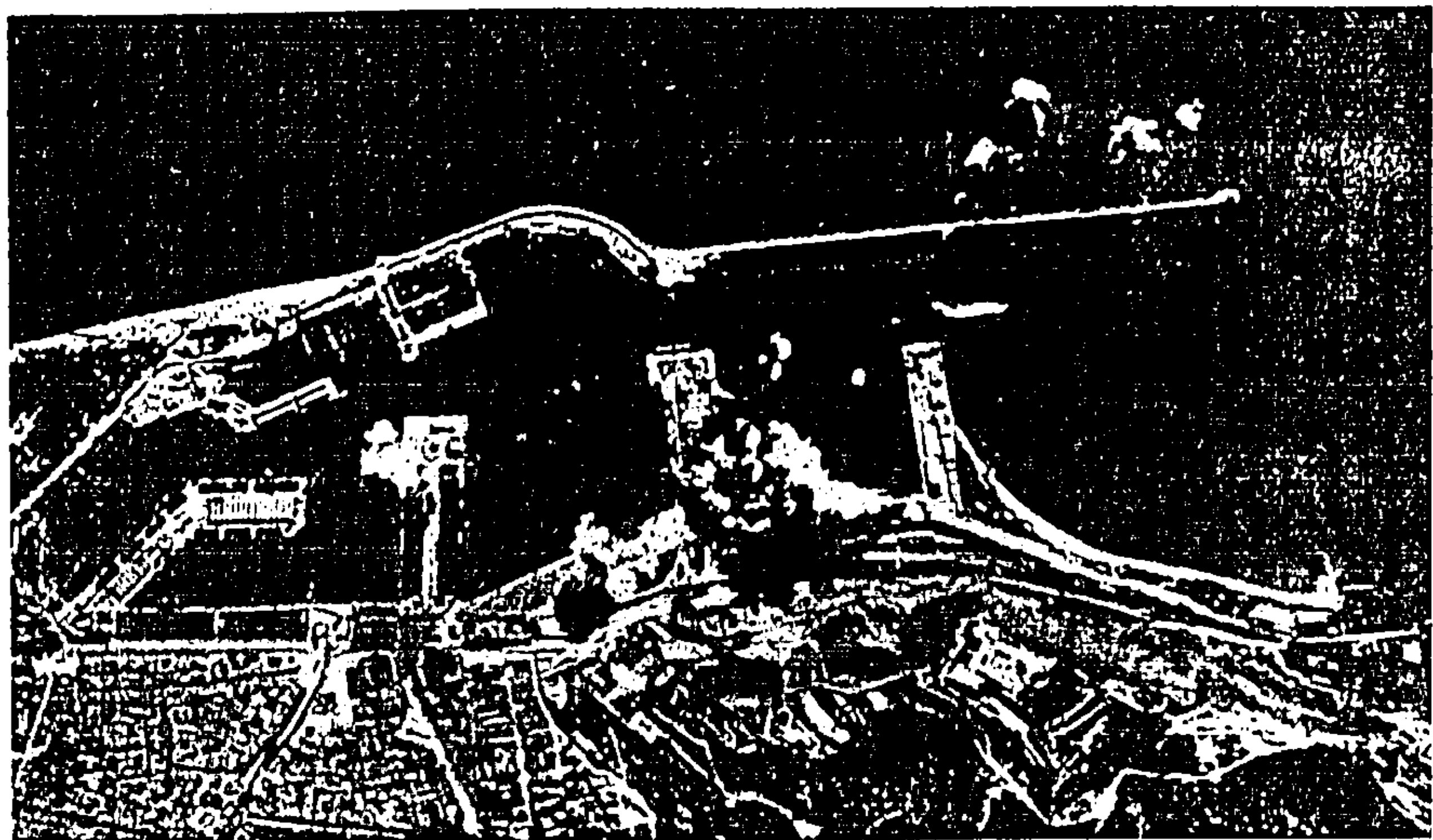


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COMMONS ATTACK ON DRUG POSITION IN FAR EAST



ATTACKED BY ITALIAN "Legionary" bombers, Barcelona, capital of Catalonia, photographed from one of the raiders, with bombs bursting on the quays and among shipping, and one ship making off to sea.

TOKYO PAPER DEMANDS RETURN OF H.K. TO CHINA

PARLEYS FOR PEACE RUMOURED

Wang Chung-hui
Coming To Hongkong?

It is authoritatively learned that the high Chinese official who is visiting Hanoi is not Wang Chung-hui, but Wang Chung-hui, the Chinese Foreign Minister.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui is believed to have left Chungking by aeroplane on December 20, and is now staying strictly incognito in Hanoi. Reports were current in Hongkong this afternoon that the Chinese Foreign Minister will arrive here this afternoon or to-morrow.

A Shanghai report, received by the "Telegraph" late this afternoon, states that several high Japanese Government officials are also either in Hongkong or expected in the British Colony within the next 24 hours.

Efforts to obtain confirmation of this latter report are so far unavailing.

The Shanghai message indicates that the mission of the Japanese officials is in connection with the discussion of new peace terms with a Chinese Government envoy.

From other sources, the "Telegraph" learns that the purpose of Dr. Wang Chung-hui's visit to Hanoi has no connection whatever with reported "behind-the-scenes" peace moves. Dr. Wang is stated to have visited Hanoi in connection with the transport of motor-lorries and other materials to China through French Indo-China.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED

Raw Recruits Perturb Wuhan Cities

HEAVY FIGHTING is reported to be raging south of Szyang, in east Shansi, where Chinese guerrillas intercepted a Japanese column marching from Kueicheng.

Meanwhile, Japanese attempts to cross the Fen River for a westward drive have so far been frustrated.

Isolated Japanese units which succeeded in crossing the river last week have, as a result of lack of support, been compelled to withdraw.

Martial Law has been declared in Hankow, according to a United Press message, which states that there has been a general transfer of Japanese troops and personnel.

RECALLING THAT HONGKONG was ceded to Great Britain as a result of the "Inhuman" Opium War of 1841, the influential "Kokumin Shimbun" demands that Britain should be forced to withdraw west of the Arabian Sea.

"The British Colony of Hongkong has now been turned into a base for smuggling activities in South China," the newspaper asserts.

"There are no moral grounds whatever on which Britain can base any claims for retention of this important Chinese port. Less of all, has Britain any claims to what are known as the New Territories."

"If the present situation is allowed to continue without being remedied, the demand will eventually be made that Britain should abandon Hongkong and Singapore and withdraw its garrisons from India."

"The exploitation of these centres of the Orient has compromised the cause of lasting peace in Asia."

The "Kokumin Shimbun" is not alone in its attack on Britain. The "Nichi-Nichi" predicts that the recent British and American loans to China will be followed by "more blunt" economic pressure and propaganda against Japan in an attempt to create an international situation which will compel Japan to yield.

The "Nichi Nichi" instances the rumour of an inevitable outbreak of war between Japan and the Soviet Union in April next year which, it claims originated in London, and is a "typical case of British propaganda against Japan."—Reuter and "Telegraph" Special.

S.O.S. FOR DONORS OF BLOOD

Medical Department
Seeks Volunteers

VOLUNTEER ORDERS issued by the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps this afternoon revealed that the Hon. Director of Medical Services, Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, has issued an appeal for volunteers to build up in Hongkong a panel of blood donors whose services would be available if needed in the Colony.

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke revealed to the "Telegraph" this afternoon that the Hongkong Police Department, University students, and St. John Ambulance Brigade had also been approached.

"We want as many volunteers as possible," Dr. Selwyn-Clarke told the "Telegraph." "A blood transfusion may well save a life at a critical stage," he added. "For instance, in an accident, an injured person often suffers from excessive loss of blood. Then there is need for an immediate blood transfusion."

"Pernicious anaemia, which is fairly common in this part of the world, also requires blood transfusion."

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke does not wish to confine volunteers to the organisations already approached, but invites any person to hand in their names.

FOUR GROUPS

Blood is divided into four groups called Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 and Group 4. Group 1 is the universal recipients group, which means that persons whose blood belongs to this group can receive blood from any group.

Group 4 is the universal donors group and members of this group can give blood to anyone. Even though a Group 4 donor offers his blood for a transfusion further tests must be made.

In the first place the donor's blood should be free from any disease. Then a sample of the donor's blood is taken through a little pipette and is put into the centrifugal machine where it is whirled around at speed until the blood is reduced to a colourless fluid.

MICROSCOPE TEST

A sample of this fluid is tested under the microscope with a similar (Continued on Page 9.)

3,000 Dens In Colony, Speaker Alleges

LONDON, Dec. 22. LIEUT.-COMMANDER R. T. H. FLETCHER (Lab.) raised matters in the House of Commons to-day on a motion for the Christmas adjournment arising from the report of the advisory committee on drugs at Geneva.

He reviewed the proceedings there, and asked what was the "vigorous action" being taken by the British Government in accordance with a resolution regarding the drug traffic passed at Geneva, which reiterated that the situation in China was deteriorating under Japanese influence.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher referred to the situation in Hongkong, where the local Government was unable to cope with the drug traffic.

He said there were over 3,000 heroin dens in Hongkong, and over 300,000 opium and heroin pills were consumed there daily, and there were 40,000 opium addicts.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher mentioned Russell Pasha's report, and said: "His allegations are in respect to the drug traffic in areas under direct and indirect Japanese control."

JAPAN UNDOING GOOD WORK

The speaker charged Japan with undoing the League's good work and of fostering illicit drug traffic throughout the world as an instrument of policy to promote the degradation of the Chinese. If these charges were true, he would like to ask the House how far we could call Japan a civilised nation.

He had never had a very great admiration for the British slogan that trade follows the flag, but he preferred it to the Japanese slogan that drugs follow the flag.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher quoted reported facts and figures in the course of a scathing indictment of Japan in connection with drugs. Mr. R. A. Butler, replying, gave the House information derived by the Government from various parts of the Far East.

One very serious feature of the growth of the traffic was the growth in the use of heroin, which was far more serious to use than opium—itsself a terrible gripping vice.

After referring to the steps now being taken by the British and Japanese authorities in mutually communicating information regarding the proceedings and movements of persons known to be engaged in the illicit traffic, Mr. Butler said that although it might not give an immediate solution to a grave problem, it at least meant that we were in close touch with the representatives of Japan, and that thus we were able to illustrate the gravity we attached to the matter.

NOT DELIBERATE

Reviewing the position, Mr. Butler said that from information in the possession of Viscount Halifax, there was no evidence that the increase in drug traffic in China was the outcome of any deliberate plan on the part of the Japanese Government, or that it (Continued on Page 9.)

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GOVT.,
SAYS
REPORT

PLEDGE BY KOREANS TO GOVERNMENT

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22.

THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S PARTY has issued the following message to the Chinese people, pledging support for the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and China's resistance to Japanese invasion:

"It is more than sixteen months now since China began to fight her war of resistance against the invasion of the Japanese militarists.

"The entire Chinese army and people, under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang, fighting with undaunted spirit, have not only smashed the Japanese

military's dream of a 'quick war,' but have also been able to take offensive measures, and achieved results in prolonged warfare.

"Japan has sent more than one million troops to China, invading from south and north and east with all her might.

"Innumerable cities have been destroyed by Japanese vandalism. But the opposition she met has greatly tired her, and she is now on the verge of collapse. Now mired deep in the interior, she will be soon forced disadvantageously to fight decisive battles in mountainous regions.

"On China's part, her resistance is for national existence. Under such circumstances, the greater sacrifices she makes, the stronger will be her will to resist. With the entire nation determined to fight to the last, it is certain that the final victory will be hers, and the two main objects, namely, enemy resistance (Continued on Page 9.)

LATEST

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Further Late News

ZBW Spelling Bee

Majors And Minors Fell By Wayside

WHO SAID anything about the decadence—nice word, that, it was used last night—of youth?

Irreplaceable

Irascibility

Machination

Miscellany

Dissidence

Disipience

Aesthethicism

Dissymmetry

IS SOMEONE'S
FACE RED?

One of the words given in last night's Spelling Bee at ZBW was "Disipience," meaning "a trifling matter." This is how ZBW spelled it!

Unemployed Invade Grill Room At Ritz

London, Dec. 22. About fifty members of the Unemployed Workers Movement, including three women, walked into the grill-room of the exclusive Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly and asked to be served with tea, stating that they were willing to pay.

They were told they could not be served and the police were called. While awaiting the arrival of the police, the unemployed made speeches demanding winter relief and special consideration at Christmas.

After a few minutes discussion with the police, the demonstrators agreed to leave and walked out in a body, crying their slogan "We want winter relief" and untiring placards. The demonstrators then paraded in Piccadilly shouting their slogans.—Reuter Special.

Italy And France Withdraw Agents

Paris, Dec. 22. As a reprisal for the expulsion from Italy of M. Audisio, Agent-General for the French Literary Association, the French Government has announced the expulsion of Signor Gerardi, the representative of the Italian Literary Association in France.—Reuter Special.

NAVAL REVIEW IN H.K. Commander-in-Chief to Take Salute

THE ANNUAL INSPECTION of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine landing parties by the Commander-in-Chief, His Excellency Sir Percy Noble, will take place at Happy Valley on January 4, at 10 a.m.

Three seamen battalions and one Royal Marines battalion, comprising approximately 1,000 officers and men, will be on parade under Capt. E. J. P. Brind, of H.M.S. Birmingham.

The ships taking part are H.M.S. Kent, H.M.S. Cardiff, H.M.S. Birmingham, H.M.S. Medway and Submarine, H.M.S. Eagle, and 8th Destroyer Flotilla, besides Royal Marines.

The Commander-in-Chief will arrive at the racecourse at 10 a.m. and inspect the Brigade in line. The Brigade will then march past in column followed by a march past in close column, after which they will form a hollow square in front of the saluting base and be addressed by the Commander-in-Chief.

At the conclusion of the inspection, which will be at 10.45 a.m., the Commander-in-Chief, who will be mounted, will head the column off and proceed to another saluting base in Fenwick Street, Wanchai, where the Brigade will march past.

Rehearsals are being held in connection with the inspection, and a full dress rehearsal will take place on January 3.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

| BANKS | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| H.K. Bank, \$ | 1380 s. |
| H.K. Bank, Lm. | 81 n. |
| Chartered, \$ | 0 1/4 n. |
| Mercantile, A. & B. \$ | 27 1/2 n. |
| Mercantile, C. \$ | 13 n. |
| East Asia \$ | 88 n. |

| INSURANCES | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Canton \$ | 205 n. |
| Union \$ | 485 n. |
| China Underwriters \$ | 70 s. |
| H.K. Fire \$ | 102 n. |

| SHIPPING | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Douglas, \$ | 50 1/2 b. |
| Steamboats, \$ | 50 n. |
| Indo-China, P. \$ | 50 n. |
| Indo-China, D. \$ | 52 n. |
| Shell Boats \$ | 80 7/8 n. |
| Waterboats \$ | 50 n. |

| DOCKS ETC. | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Wharves, \$ | 115 b. |
| Docks (old) \$ | 115 1/2 b. |
| Docks (new) \$ | 115 1/2 b. |
| Providents (old) \$ | 56 1/2 b. |
| Providents (new) \$ | 56 1/2 b. |
| New Eng. Sh. \$ | 55 60 n. |
| Sh. Docks, Sh. \$ | 100 n. |
| Kailan \$ | 17 1/8 n. |
| Raubs \$ | 50 35 n. |
| Venz: Goldfield \$ | 53 n. |
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| Antamok \$ | 50 s. |
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| Benguet Con. \$ | 12 80 s. |
| Coco Grove \$ | 51 s. |
| Con. Mines \$ | 27 1/2 s. |
| Demonstrations \$ | 27 1/2 s. |
| I.X.L. \$ | 27 1/2 s. |
| Gumau \$ | 27 1/2 s. |
| San Mauricio \$ | 1 7/8 s. |
| Suyoc Con. \$ | 20 s. |
| Paracale \$ | 4 s. |

| LANDS | |
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| Hotels \$ | 6 3/4 n. |
| Land \$ | 30 s. |
| Land 47 deb. \$ | 107 1/2 n. |
| Sh. Land \$ | 10 1/4 n. |
| Humphreys \$ | 9 s. |
| H.K. Realities \$ | 55 b. |
| Chinese Estates \$ | 90 n. |

| UTILITIES | |
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| Tram, \$ | 17 b. |
| Peak Trams (old) \$ | 60 3/4 s. |
| Peak Trams (new) \$ | 23 1/4 n. |
| Star Ferry \$ | 71 1/2 n. |
| Y. Ferry (old) \$ | 22 3/4 s. |
| Y. Ferry (new) \$ | 22 3/4 s. |
| China Light ex. div. \$ | 90 80 n. |
| H.K. Electric \$ | 50 80 n. |
| Macao Electric \$ | 17 1/4 s. |
| Sandakan Lights \$ | 10 3/4 s. |
| Telephone (old) \$ | 23 s. |
| Telephone (new) \$ | 80 80 n. |
| Traction \$ | 21 3/4 s. |
| Singapore Pref. \$ | 25 1/2 n. |

| INDUSTRIAL | |
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| Cald: Macq. (old) \$ | 114 n. |
| Cald: Macq. (Proc.) \$ | 113 n. |
| Canton Tea \$ | 17 10 n. |
| Cementa \$ | 15 1/2 s. |
| Ropes \$ | 4 25 n. |

| STORES, &c. | |
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| Dairy Farms \$ | 24 50 s. |
| Watsons \$ | 7 45 s. |
| Crawfords \$ | 13 s. |
| Sincere \$ | 2 n. |
| Wing On (H.K.) \$ | 30 n. |
| Powell, Ltd. \$ | 90 n. |

| COTTON MILLS | |
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| Ewo Cotton Ex. rt. \$ | 10 1/4 n. |
| Shal Cotton \$ | 104 n. |
| Zong Sing \$ | 24 n. |
| Wing On Textiles, \$ | 40 n. |

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| H.K. Entertainments \$ | 50 3/4 b. |
| Constructions \$ | 1 1/4 s. |
| Vilbro Piling \$ | 0 1/4 b. |
| Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 \$ | 105 s. |
| G. Bonds \$ | 75 1/2 s. n. |
| H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$ | 6% prm. b. |
| H.K. Govt. 5% \$ | 100 s. |
| Marsmans (H.K.) \$ | 15 3/4 b. |
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th December, 1938. (Christmas Holidays). Hongkong, 21st December, 1938.

CROWN LIFE INSURANCE CO. TORONTO-CANADA.

Effective 15th December, 1938, and by mutual arrangement, Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., have relinquished The Crown China Agency and Messrs. Thomson & Co., Chartered Accountants, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, Hong Kong, are authorised to accept premiums and issue receipts to policy holders of Crown Life Insurance Co.

Clients are therefore requested to make their deposits or payments direct to Messrs. Thomson & Co. only, at the above address.

J. H. UNDERWOOD,
Manager for China.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL

For the convenience of Members and Guests of St. Andrew's Society attending the Ball to be held this evening, a special 5 minute service of Star Ferries will run between 9 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. and a special service from Kowloon to Hong Kong will run every 15 minutes between midnight and 1 a.m. and every half hour thereafter until 3 a.m. The Vehicular Ferry Service will be extended until 2 a.m.

The first Supper will be served at 11.15 o'clock p.m. (approx.) and all those desiring to participate therein should be seated in good time before this hour. No reservation of Supper Tables may be made.

Members and Guests are requested to note particularly that ADMISSION TO THE BALL WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY AND THAT THESE CANNOT BE OBTAINED AT THE DOOR OF THE HOTEL.

Entrance to the Hotel will be by the Main Doors, Salisbury Road, only.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Steamship "JEAN LABORDE"

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon, etc. arrived Hongkong on Friday, 23rd December, 1938. Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 3rd January, 1939, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 29th December, 1938.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1938.

Air Mail Service Across Atlantic

Washington, Dec. 22. The United States civil aeronautics authority stated today that it was engaged with discussions with the State Department and other Government agencies for "looking toward the early establishment of the trans-Atlantic air services."

It added that lawyers for Imperial Airways had filed an application with the authority for a permit to inaugurate a trans-Atlantic service.

The application was referred to the Company's London officials for execution, and cannot receive final consideration until this, and other technical requirements had been fulfilled.—Reuter.

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

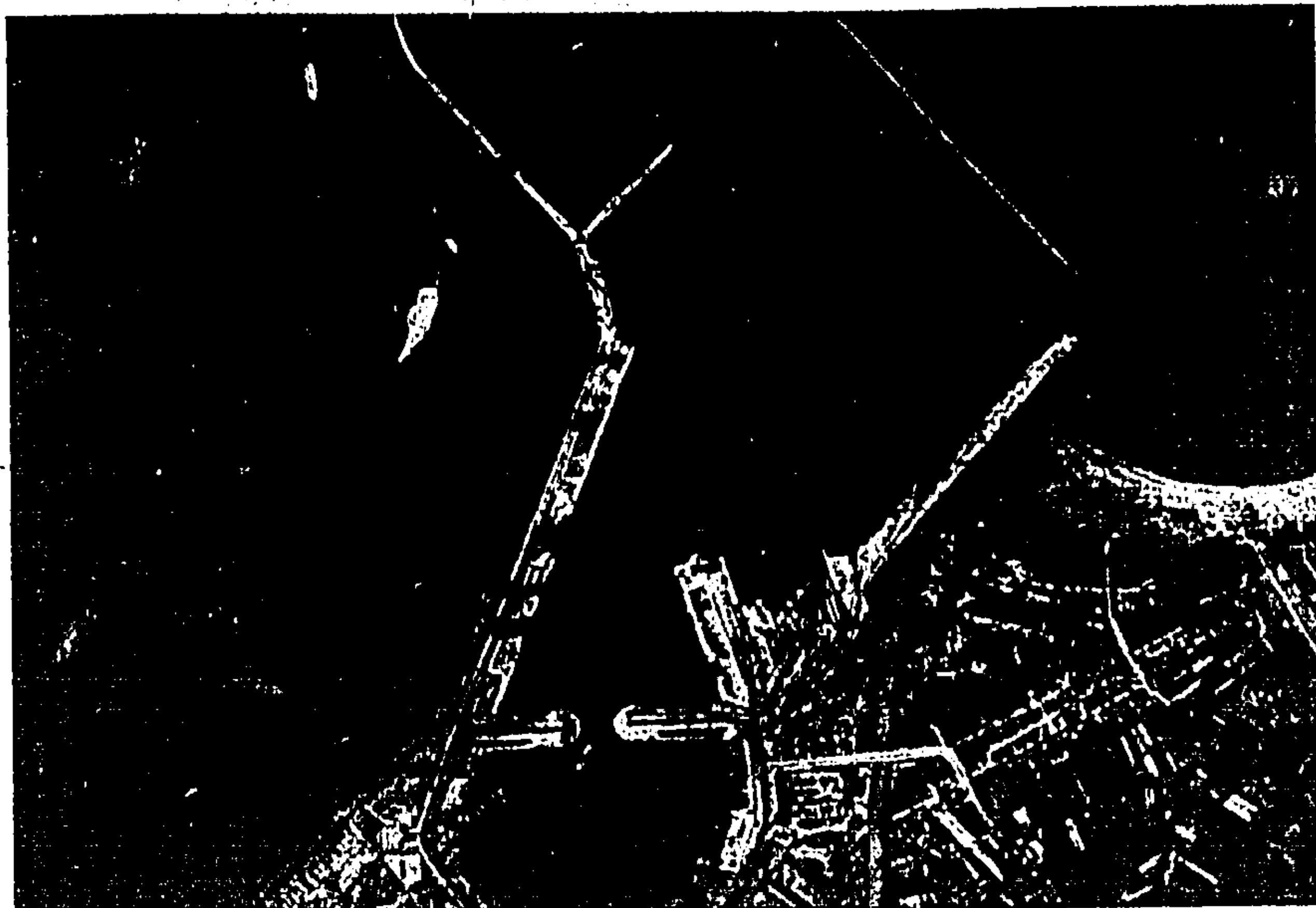
The Manila market was steady with prices generally higher. However, Antamok and Suyoc both had losses of 1/4 centavo, while United Paracale lost 2 centavos. Benguet Consolidated was up 40 centavos. Yesterday's Gold Share average was 107.85 and the volume of business done was P850,000.

Business Done
Prices in Piao
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Antamok 20 45 1/2
Suyoc 20 45 1/2
Benguet Gold 20 45 1/2
Benguet Cons. 12 50 1/2
Coco Grove 20 45 1/2
Consolidated Mines 20 45 1/2
Demonstration 20 45 1/2
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DRAMATIC PICTURE OF RAID ON VALENCIA



REMARKABLE picture showing Valencia harbour being bombed by "Legionary" planes, with the bombs seen actually in the air. Such raids on Valencia have been common during the past 18 months.

REMARKABLE ALLEGATION OF FRENCH INTERVENTION IS MADE BY FRANCO

FORMER EDITOR RETURNS

Mr. F. L. Pratt Back
in Colony After
30 Years

A former Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph, Mr. F. L. Pratt, has returned to the Colony after an absence of approximately thirty years. He expresses himself as amazed at the growth of Victoria and Kowloon, and particularly marked the disappearance of former landmarks such as Morrison Hill.

Before becoming associated with the Far Eastern press, Mr. Pratt was special correspondent of the "Sydney Morning Herald" in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05. Of late years he has been actively engaged in journalism, though he is still China correspondent of the London Chamber of Commerce Journal.

He joined the China Publishing Company when it was founded in Shanghai some years ago, and is now President of the concern. It may be remembered that this company produced a biography of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the British Empire rights of which were bought by Hurd & Blackett, Ltd., a London publishing house. Besides ordinary publication work, the China Publishing Company is interested in Chinese art productions.

N.Y.K. Godown Burnt Out

Shanghai, Dec. 23. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha godown, packed with cotton, oil and matches, caught fire last evening and burned for four hours.

The total loss is estimated at \$100,000.—United Press.

Exchange At A Glance

| SELLING | |
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| T.T. London | 15. 2 1/2 |
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| T.T. Singapore | 108 1/2 |
| T.T. Japan | 108 1/2 |
| T.T. India | 83 |
| T.T. U.S.A. | 28 1/2 |
| T.T. Manila | 58 |
| T.T. Batavia | 53 1/2 |
| T.T. Bangkok | 149 1/2 |
| T.T. Saigon | 109 |
| T.T. France | 10 80 |
| T.T. Germany | 127 1/2 |
| T.T. Switzerland | 127 1/2 |
| T.T. Australia | 17 1/2 |

| BUYING | |
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| 4 m/s L/c London | 1 3/4 |
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| 4 m/s L/c U.S.A. | 29 1/2 |
| 4 m/s France | 11 1/2 |
| 30 d/s India | 84 1/2 |
| U.S. Cross rate in Lon. | 4.08 1/2 |

LONDON, Dec. 22.

ALLEGATIONS that French sources supplied torpedoes, anti-aircraft projectiles and other ammunition to the Spanish Loyalist destroyer, Jose Luiz-diez, now undergoing repairs in Gibraltar, are made in a note the Franco Government has sent to Britain.

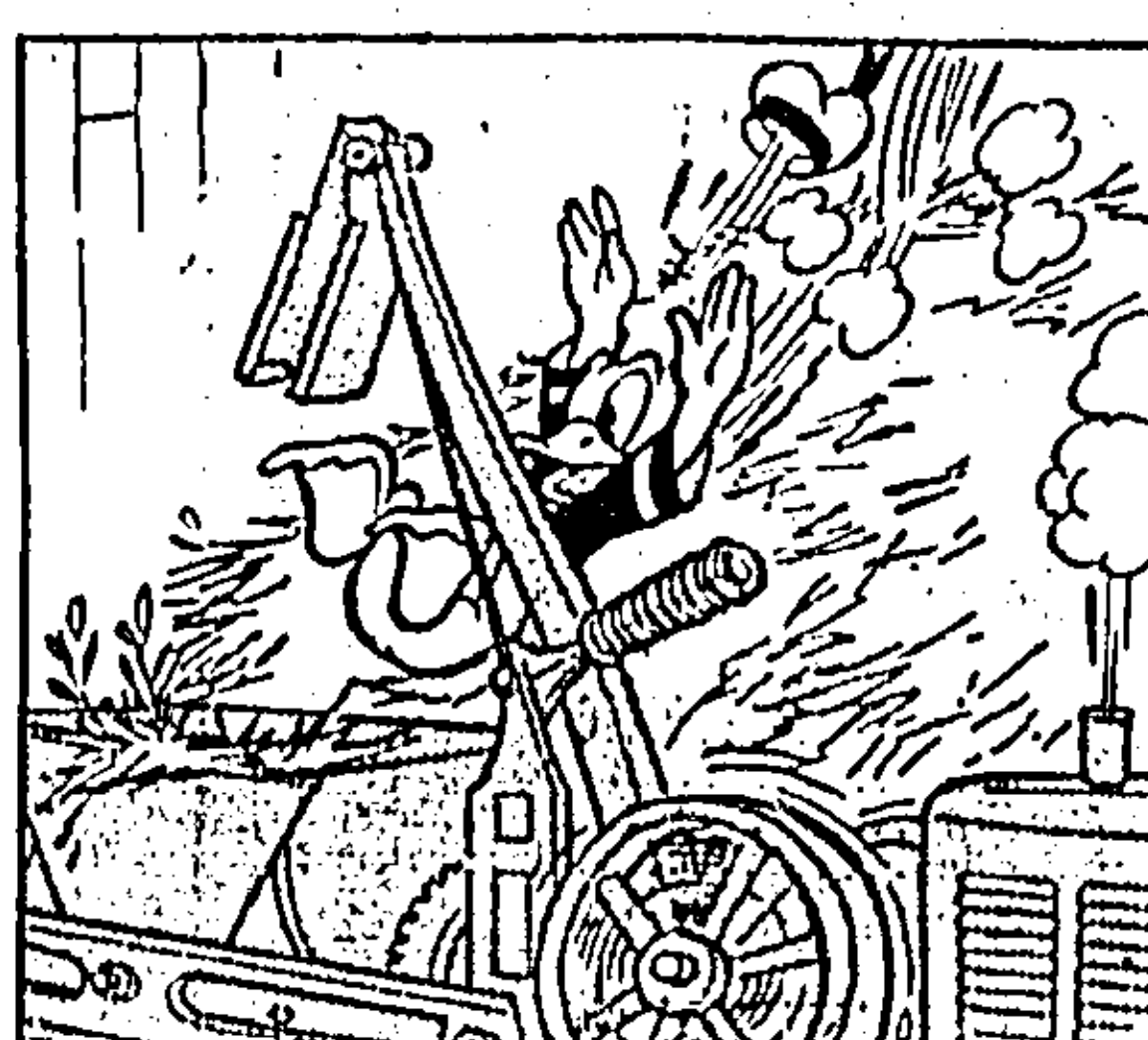
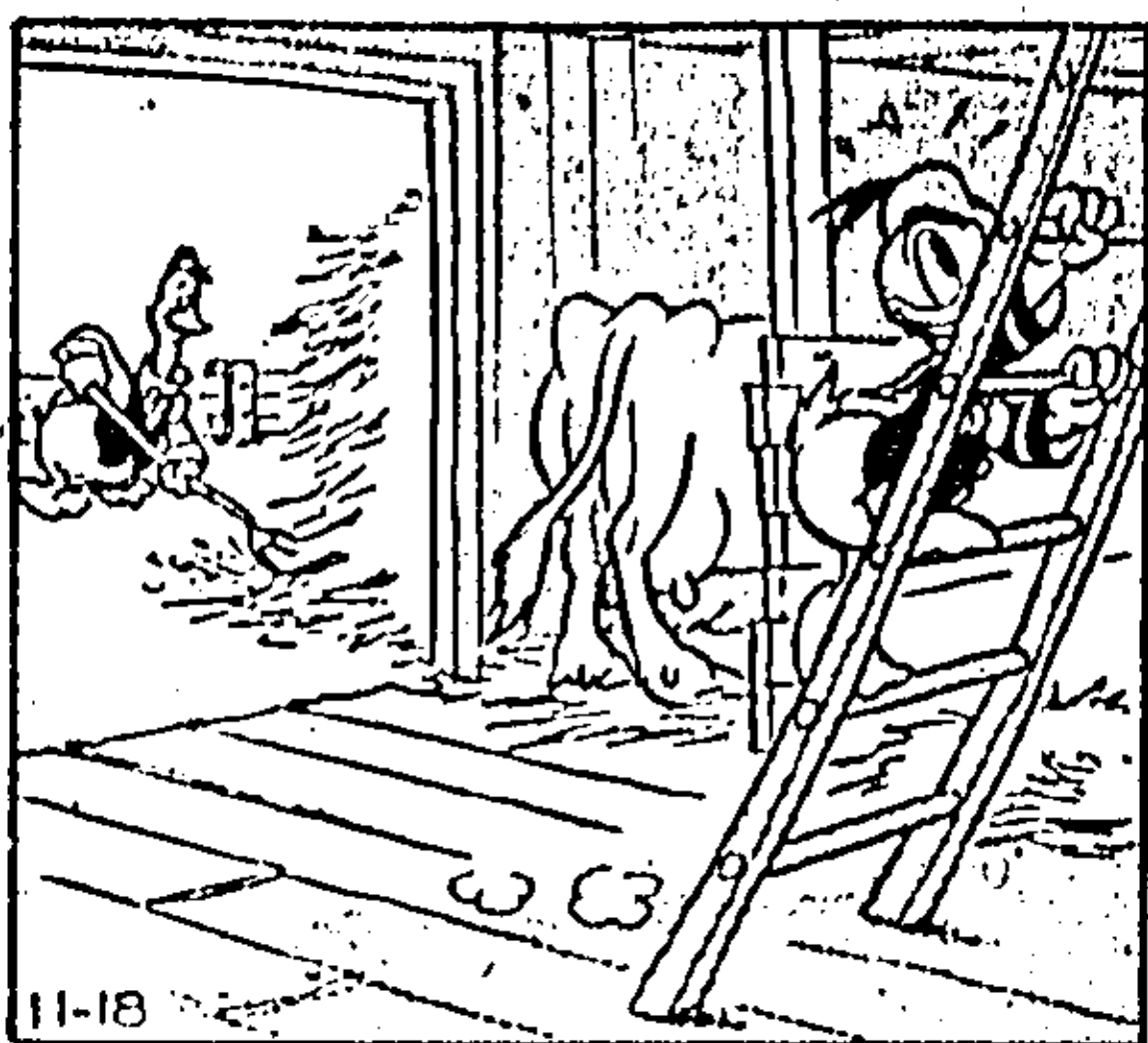
The note declares that the munitions were conveyed in lighters sent to Gibraltar on the pretext of raising the destroyer's bows, and it asserts that the destroyer's crew was supplemented with French sailors from French destroyers, while it had been intended to protect the destroyer's departure with units from the French fleet.

The note concludes denouncing the "flagrant violation of the non-intervention agreement."—Reuter.

FRANCO TO FEED STARVING

Henadye, Dec. 22. It was reported to-night at the border that there has been a round-up of hundreds of persons after the discovery of espionage

DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney

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COLONY'S BIGGEST SOCIAL EVENT TO-NIGHT

St. Andrew's Ball Will Be A Glittering Spectacle At The Peninsula Hotel

ST. Andrew's Ball, the most important social event of Hongkong's "season", and traditionally the biggest annual occasion for fraternising between Scotsmen and their friends, will be held to-night at the Peninsula Hotel, and promises to be as always, a brilliant function.

Although certain disappointments have been experienced, including firstly the enforced postponement of the Ball from its original date owing to Court mourning, and secondly the unavoidable absence of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote and Lady Northcote, owing to the death of Lady Northcote's mother this week, the committee and its band of willing helpers have again excelled themselves in the arrangements.

The entrance to the Peninsula Hotel and the top floor, have been transformed for the occasion, the artistic decorations being highly effective.

The entire front of the hotel will be flood-lit and will render most striking the white statue of St. Andrew which is mounted on the fountain in the grounds of the hotel.

The ballroom has again been brilliantly and most tastefully decorated with thistles and the coats of arms and shields of the various clans. The official dress bears the coat of arms of the Chief of the Clan (Mr. W. Kay), and on the opposite wall is the coat of arms of the Vice-President of the Society, to which the Vice-President of the Society belongs. The sides of the ballroom and the Roof Garden which will be used for sitting out, are adorned with thistles and Scottish pictures, handsomely painted. Not the least striking feature of the decorations is the crest of the Society and a picture of St. Andrew.

OFFICIAL PARTY

The programme includes the reception of the official guests who will be greeted at the entrance by the Chief of the Clan and Mrs. Kay, who will participate in an official dinner party which will precede the official function.

Unfortunately, Brigadier-General E. R. Macnaghten and Mrs. Macnaghten, who were included in the party cannot attend, but those participating in the official dinner will be:

Lady Noble (with the Chief of the Clan), H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble and Mrs. Kay, H.E. Major-General A. E. Grasett and Mrs. Kay, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor and Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. Grasett, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Col. V. R. Burkhardt and Lady Mac-

Gregor, Dr. G. D. R. Black and Mrs. A. S. Mackie, Hon. Mr. A. S. Mackie and Mrs. Shields, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields and Mrs. McDougall, Lieut.-Col. D. J. McDougall and Mrs. Burkhardt, Mr. E. S. Carter and Mrs. D. S. Robb, Mr. J. MacDonald and Mrs. V. Walker, Mr. D. H. Hazell and Mrs. Howard-Vyse, Mr. V. Walker and Miss Paterson, Lieut.-Comdr. P. H. Matheson and Miss Smith, Lieut. R. E. T. St. John and Miss Black, Mr. E. M. Bryden and Mrs. D. S. Robb.

STATE LANCERS

The Ball will open with the State Lancers, in which the official sets will be: The Chief of the Clan and Mrs. Kay, Sir Percy Noble and Mrs. Kay, the Vice-President and Mrs. E. H. C. Dicken, Commodore E. B. C. Dicken and Mrs. A. S. Mackie, Major-General A. E. Grasett and Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. D. J. Gilmore, Dr. G. D. R. Black and Mrs. Grasett, Mr. A. S. Mackie and Mrs. N. L. Smith.

THE WORKERS

The arrangements of the Ball have been in the hands of the General Committee of the Society with various sub-committees to take charge of the detailed organisation involved. These were:

General Committee—Mr. William Kay (President), Mr. G. D. R. Black, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. A. S. Mackie, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Dr. J. A. D. MacGregor, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, Mr. D. J. Gilmore, Mr. J. F. MacGregor, Mr. R. K. M. Simpson, Mr. B. Wylie and Mr. E. M. Bryden and Mr. D. S. Robb, Joint Secretaries and Treasurers.

Invitation Committee—General Committee along with Mr. H. R. Forsyth (Convenor), Major G. P. Murray, Commander W. J. C. Robertson, Mr. R. L. Hsieh, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. S. T. Williamson and Mr. H. Young, Dance and Music Committee—Mr. D. L. Prophet (Convenor), Mr. W. L. Alexander, Mr. R. B. Bell, Mr. A. N. Braude, Mr. A. S. Forsyth, Mr. G. A. Lelper, Mr.

London's Trenches To Be Retained

LONDON, Dec. 22. IT has been decided with one or two exceptions, to retain in reconstructed form the trenches dug in the royal parks in London as an A.R.P. precaution during the emergency last September.—British Wireless.

Supper Room Committee—Mr. T. Parkinson (Convenor), Mr. J. S. Dunne, Mr. W. L. Gilroy, Mr. G. Hill, Mr. J. R. Letch, Mr. A. Mack, Mr. A. McArthur, Mr. A. Macfarlane, Mr. D. McColligan, Mr. J. C. Polson, Mr. J. N. Sweeney, Mr. G. O. Stapan, Mr. J. A. D. Wylie and Mr. L. M. Wylie.

Honorary Pipers—Mr. W. C. K. Mackie (Convenor), Mr. A. Colquhoun, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. G. Nibbel, Mr. H. C. Watson and Mr. P. D. Wilson.

Dance Programme

The dance programme is: Extra Waltz—"Waltz of the Gypsies," Lancers—"Veronique," Fox Trot—"Love's Light and The Starlight," Eightsome Reel—"De 'Il Among," Eightsome Reel—"Miss MacLeod of Haasay," Eightsome Reel—"Highway to Linton," Waltz—"Will you Remember," Caledonians—"Bonnie Dundee," Caledonians—"The Muckin' o' Geordie's Byre," Caledonians—"Glennaruel Highlanders," Caledonians—"Pibroch o' Donald Dhu," Caledonians—"Kenneth's On and Awa," Fox Trot—"Remember Me," Strathpey & Reel—"Devil in the Kitchen," Strathpey & Reel—"Reel o' Tulloch," Slow Fox Trot—"Music Master Pleases," Fox Trot—"I Wanna Go Back to Ball," Slow Fox Trot—"Thanks for the Memory," Fox Trot—"Says My Heart," Waltz—"Swingin' Annie," Fox Trot—"Swingin' Annie," Dashing White Sergeant—"Corn Rigs," Waltz—"Medley of Old Fashioned," Highland Scottish—"Orange and Blue," Highland Scottish—"The Rose Among the Heather," Fox Trot—"I'm Gonna Lock My Heart," Eightsome Reel—"De 'Il Among," Eightsome Reel—"The Tailors of Haasay," Eightsome Reel—"Highway to Linton."

GREETINGS EXCHANGED

The Hongkong St. Andrew's Society has received greetings from fellow-societies all over the world including: Aden, Calcutta, Kobe, Madras, Bombay, Amoy, Manila, Sandakan, Batavia, Saigon, Taipei, Shanghai, Swatow, Cebu, Singapore, Fochow, Canton, Selangor, Malacca, Tsingtau, Bangkok, Negri Sembilan, Penang, Burma, Tientsin, Penang, Yokohama, Tokyo, Kelantan, London, Peiping, the Officers of the 1st Batt, the Seaforth Highlanders, Shanghai, and Mr. A. Stevenson, a past-President of the Hongkong Society, now in Southampton.

The Hongkong Society has also despatched greetings to the following places: Negri Sembilan, Zambonga, Salang, Tsingtau, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Hilo, Aden, Scrumbun, Kobe, Selangor, Rangoon, Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Cebu, Sandakan, Canton (Shumcen), Swatow, Yokohama, Amoy, Fochow, Shanghai, Tientsin, Taipei, Peiping, Ipoh, Perak, Batavia, Malacca and Tokyo.

PERRY SERVICE

It is notified that for the convenience of members and guests of St. Andrew's Society attending the Ball to be held this evening, a special 5-minute service of Star Ferries will run between 9 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. and a special service from Kowloon to Hongkong will run every 15 minutes between midnight and 1 a.m. and every half hour thereafter until 3 a.m. The Vehicular Ferry Service will be extended until 2 a.m. The first supper will be served at 11.15 p.m.

Government And The Unemployed

Sensitive To Their Tragic Plight

LONDON, Dec. 22. Mr. J. J. Lawson (Labour) raised the question of unemployment in the House of Commons in a long and earnest speech, and stressed the sapping of moral fibre, and the destruction of self-respect by long periods of involuntary idleness suffered in areas where unemployment was most severe.

Replying for the Government, Mr. Ernest Brown denied any lack of sensitiveness on the part of Ministers to the tragedy of unemployment, or any wish to deny deterioration in employment figures, which he thought was an inevitable consequence if there was a fall in the price level of primary commodities. At the same time, it was right to recognise there had been a great increase in the well-being of the people as a whole over past four years as a result of a fall in the cost of living, and that relief of the misfortunes of unemployment through an insurance scheme, public assistance, and general social services was on a scale not matched in any other country in the world.—British Wireless.

JAMES AGATE LIKES TO GET

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lady reasonably like Miss Mae West with a talent for closing one mascara'd eyelid and ejaculating a provocative "So what?"

LET me conclude with a word about Christmas cards. If anybody wants to send me one, let it not be a photograph of a distortion by Modigliani or Matisse. Send me, I pray you, a view of a country church half-buried in frosted snow through which villagers are making their way without disturbing the robin redbreasts hopping about the foreground.

"Under the Red Duster:" A London Relay

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6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) You and me, (b) There's honey on the moon to-night, (c) Foolin' myself, (d) Joseph Joseph, Romeo 6.14 Record: Frankie Rogers with Victor Young and His Orchestra; Orch.—Southern Skies (Kunneke); Red Lips (Kotscher);...Barnabas Von Gezy and His Orchestra; Vocal—Pick Yourself Up—Fox-Trot (from "Swing Time"); Never Gonna Dance (film "Swing Time");...Fred Astaire accomp. by Johnny Green's Orchestra with Johnny Green at the Piano; Piano—1 Dream Too Much—Selection; Lime-light—Selection...Patricia Rossborough; Orch.—Free and Easy (Porschmann); Gipsy Wine (Ritter);...Barnabas Von Gezy and His Orchestra; Vocal—Gertrude Lawrence Medley...Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano) with Orchestra; Orch.—Siciliana (Apollonio); Blue Skies (Ritter)...Barnabas Von Gezy and His Orchestra; Organ and Piano—By The Waters of Minnetonka (Laurance); Bird Songs At Eventide (Eric Coates)...H. Robinson, Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough.

6.35 Record: Cinema Memories...Organ Solo by Quentin M. Maclean.

6.44 (a) Moonlight and Shadows, (b) Volga Boatman Swing, (c) Tonight we love, (d) Chin-Town.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations, 7.02 A Spanish Programme including songs by Conchita Supervia and Albela Sulto Iberia.

Suite Iberia (Albeniz)...Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos; Sanir Gitano (Moro-de Aquino-Munoz Arenillas); Un Barberillo Alegre (Media-Villa-Prado)...Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra; Danza Espanola—No. 6 (Granados)...Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos; Goyescas (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra; La Rosa Oriental (Espigul)...Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra.

7.20 Tino Rossi (Vocal) and Orchestra Mascotte. Souvenir De Mona Lisa—Waltz (Schebek); Idylle Passionnelle—Waltz (Razigade)...Orchestra Mascotte; Il Existe Une Blonde (Gardoni)—Chavolt; Panama Ville D'Amour (Gardoni)—Chavolt; Tino Rossi (Vocal) with Orchestra; The Last Letter—Waltz (Reggiov); Twinkling Lights—Waltz Melodies (from Operette "Der Obersteiger"...Orchestra Mascotte.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Next week's programme.

8.08 Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Patricia Rossborough, Harry Crouson, and Barnabas von Gezy and His Orchestra.

Six "Hit" Medley—No. 5...Harry

Crouson (Organ) with Ken Beaumont (Vocal); Vocal—No Strings (from "Top Hat"); Isn't This A Lovely Day—(from "Top Hat")...Ginger Rogers with Victor Young and His Orchestra; Orch.—Southern Skies (Kunneke); Red Lips (Kotscher);...Barnabas Von Gezy and His Orchestra; Vocal—Pick Yourself Up—Fox-Trot (from "Swing Time"); Never Gonna Dance (film "Swing Time");...Fred Astaire accomp. by Johnny Green's Orchestra with Johnny Green at the Piano; Piano—1 Dream Too Much—Selection; Lime-light—Selection...Patricia Rossborough; Orch.—Free and Easy (Porschmann); Gipsy Wine (Ritter);...Barnabas Von Gezy and His Orchestra; Vocal—Gertrude Lawrence Medley...Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano) with Orchestra; Orch.—Siciliana (Apollonio); Blue Skies (Ritter)...Barnabas Von Gezy and His Orchestra; Organ and Piano—By The Waters of Minnetonka (Laurance); Bird Songs At Eventide (Eric Coates)...H. Robinson, Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough.

9.0 London Relay—"Food for Thought."

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 Three songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

When Song Is Sweet (Sana-Souci); Father O'Flynn (Graves arr. Villiers Stanford); Rocked In The Cradle Of The Deep (Willard and Knight)...with Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Bocherini—Concerto In B Flat Major.

Pau Casals (Cello) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

10.15 London Relay—"Under The Red Duster."

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11.0 Close down.

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Mr. T. V. Soong, the prominent Chinese statesman who has been residing in the Colony, stated last night that the press report on Mr. Wang Ching-wei's arrival in Hanol from Chungking by plane on Monday was groundless.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Vice-President of the Kuomintang and concurrently Chairman of the Central Political Council, was seen in Chungking on Wednesday, it is learned from good authority, planning to hold a memorial service for the late General Chiang Kai-shek.

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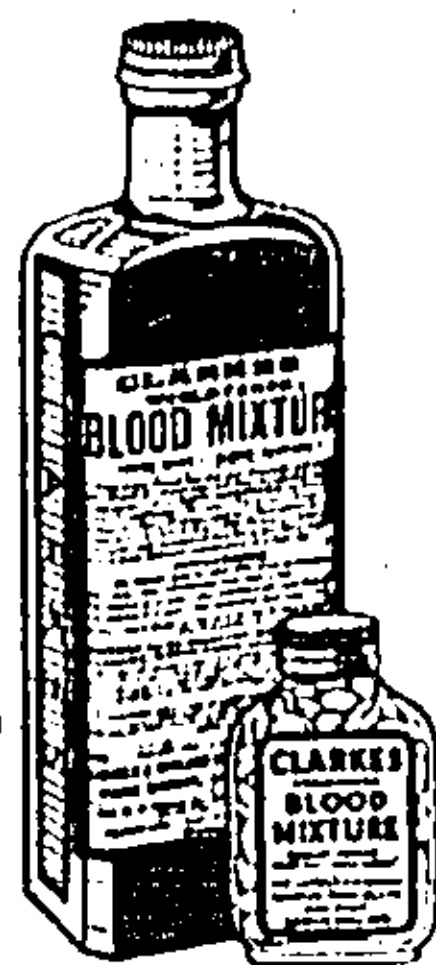
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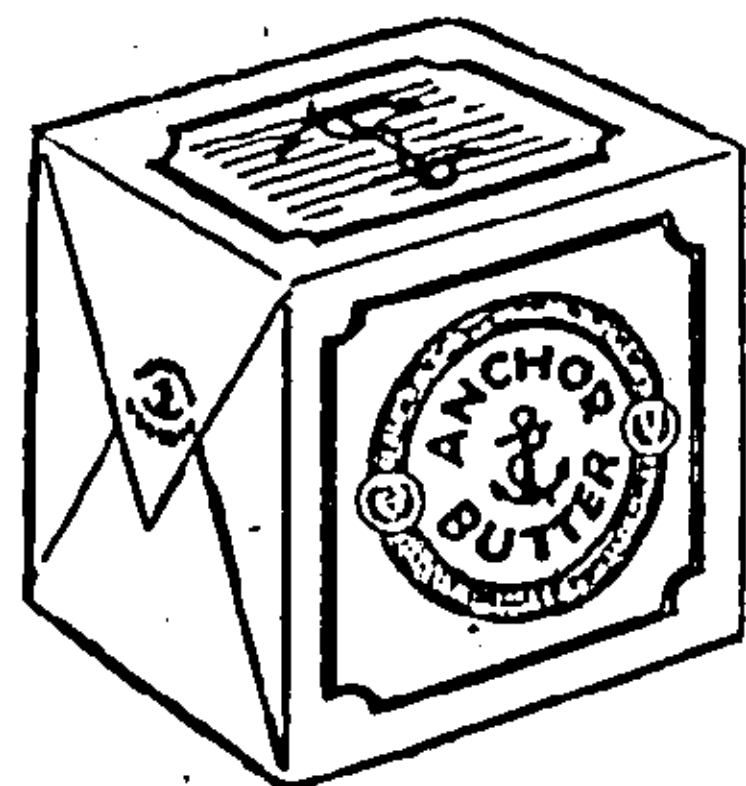
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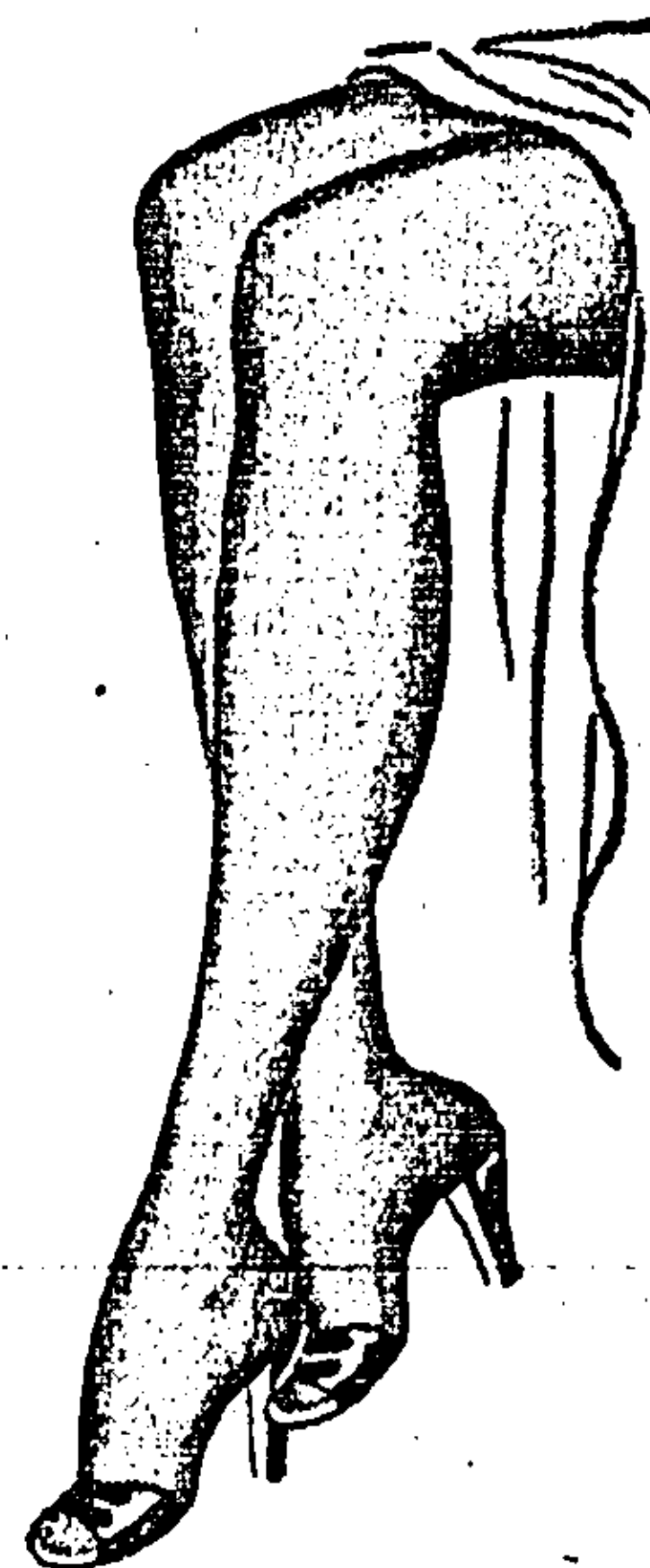
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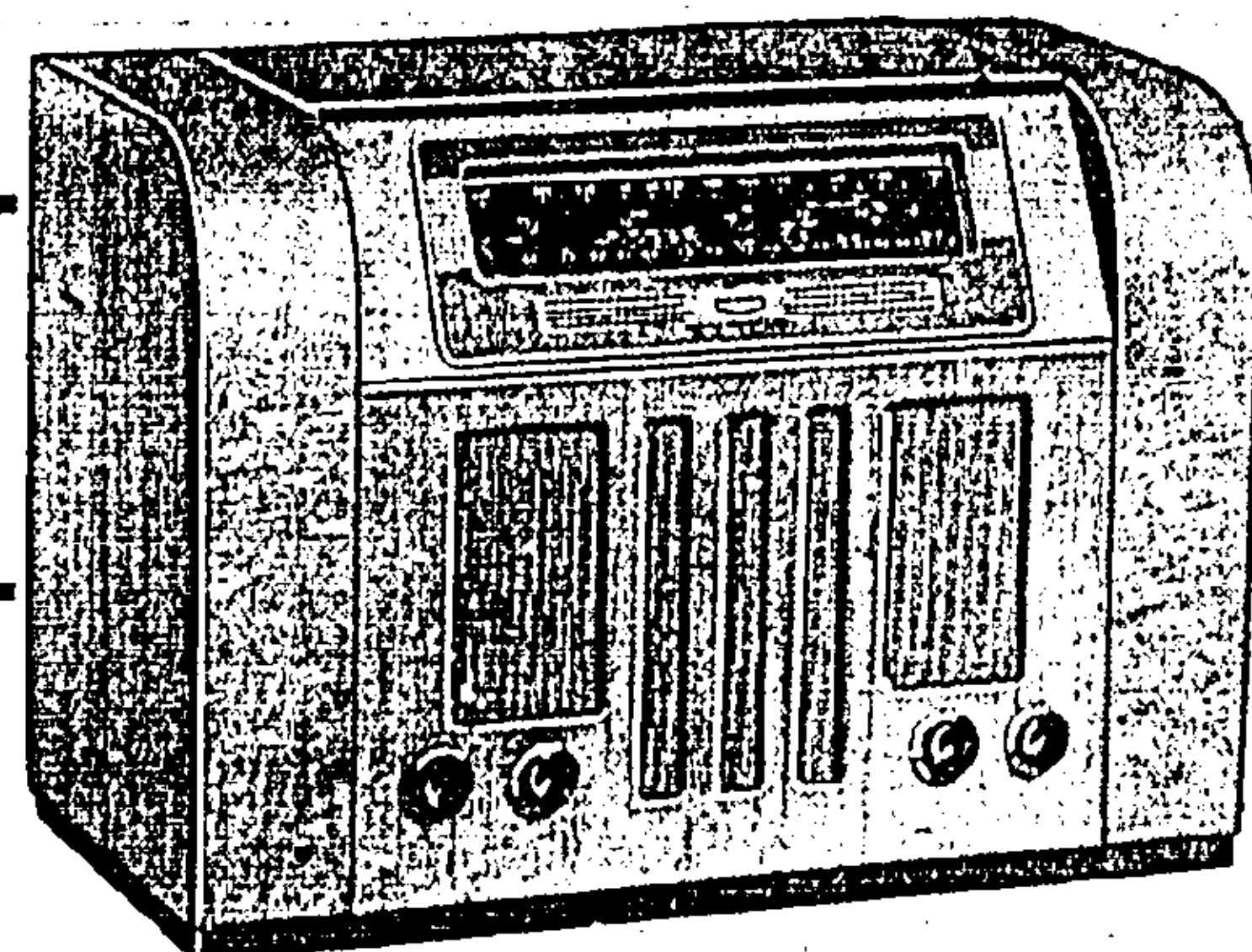
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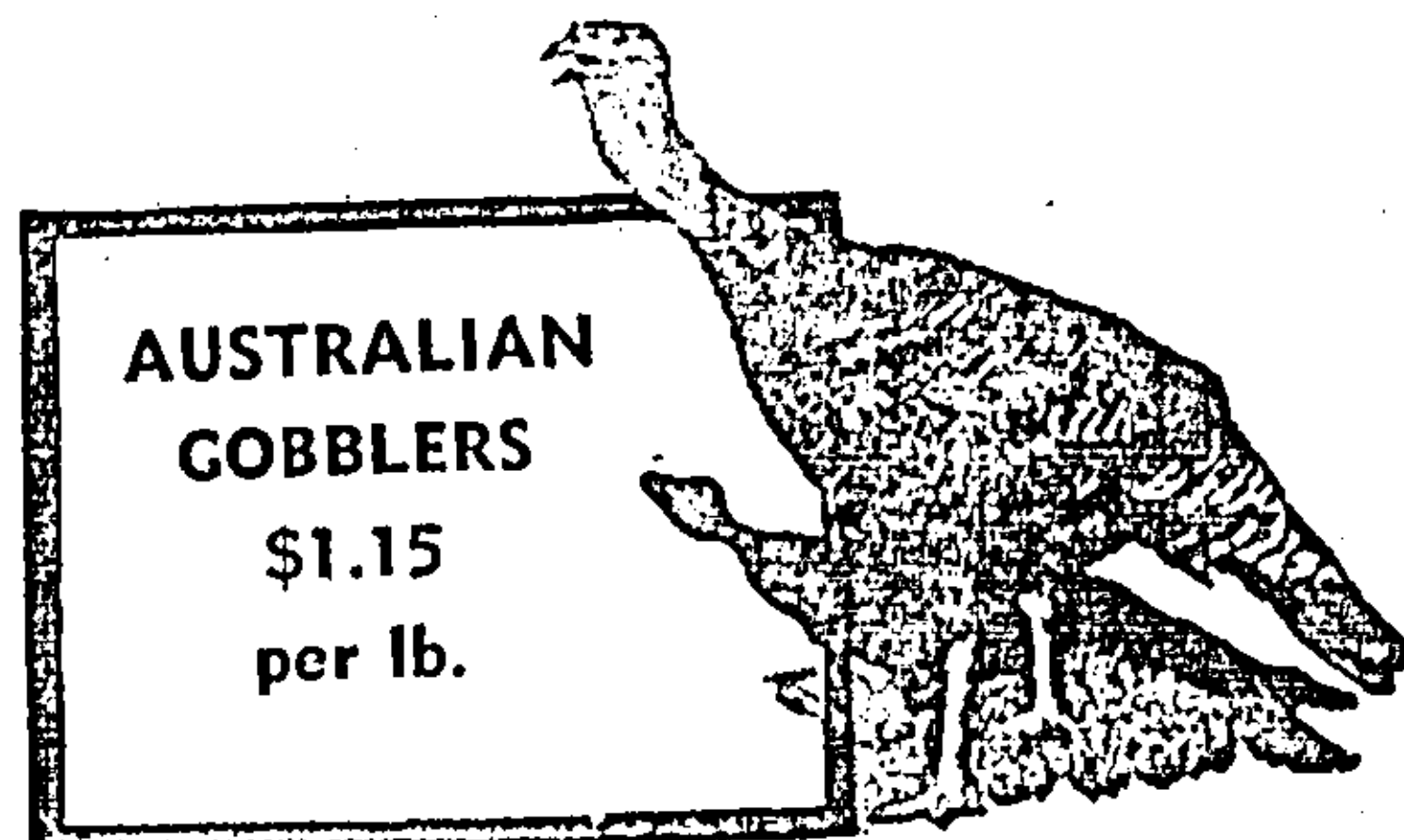
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Hundreds of modern cars lined the roadway, bright and luxurious compared with the early pioneers, over many of which were umbrellas to shelter their drivers from the rain.

Captain G. E. T. Eyston drove a 1903 Mercedes, and received a special cheer as he left the starting line.

Kaye Don was at the wheel of a De Dion Bouton of the same year.

In pouring rain another large crowd greeted the arrivals at Brighton and watched them parade along the front.

SPEED LIMIT

Gold medals were presented by the Mayor of Brighton (Councillor J. Nanson) to the 93 successful drivers.

Speed limits from 10 to 18 m.p.h. were imposed according to the age of the cars, and special awards were given to the winners of each group.

These winners were: E. L. Wood (1896 Leon-Bollee); F. S. Rowden (1898 Star); J. Swift (1901 Panhard); F. W. Hutton-Stott, Jun. (1903 Lanchester).

Auto "Victim" Disappears

Louisville, Ky.

Miss Peggy Hennings reported to police that she struck a woman with her automobile but could not find the "victim" when she stopped a few feet away. She said a man who witnessed the accident told her to drive on—that the woman was a friend of his who didn't want any publicity.



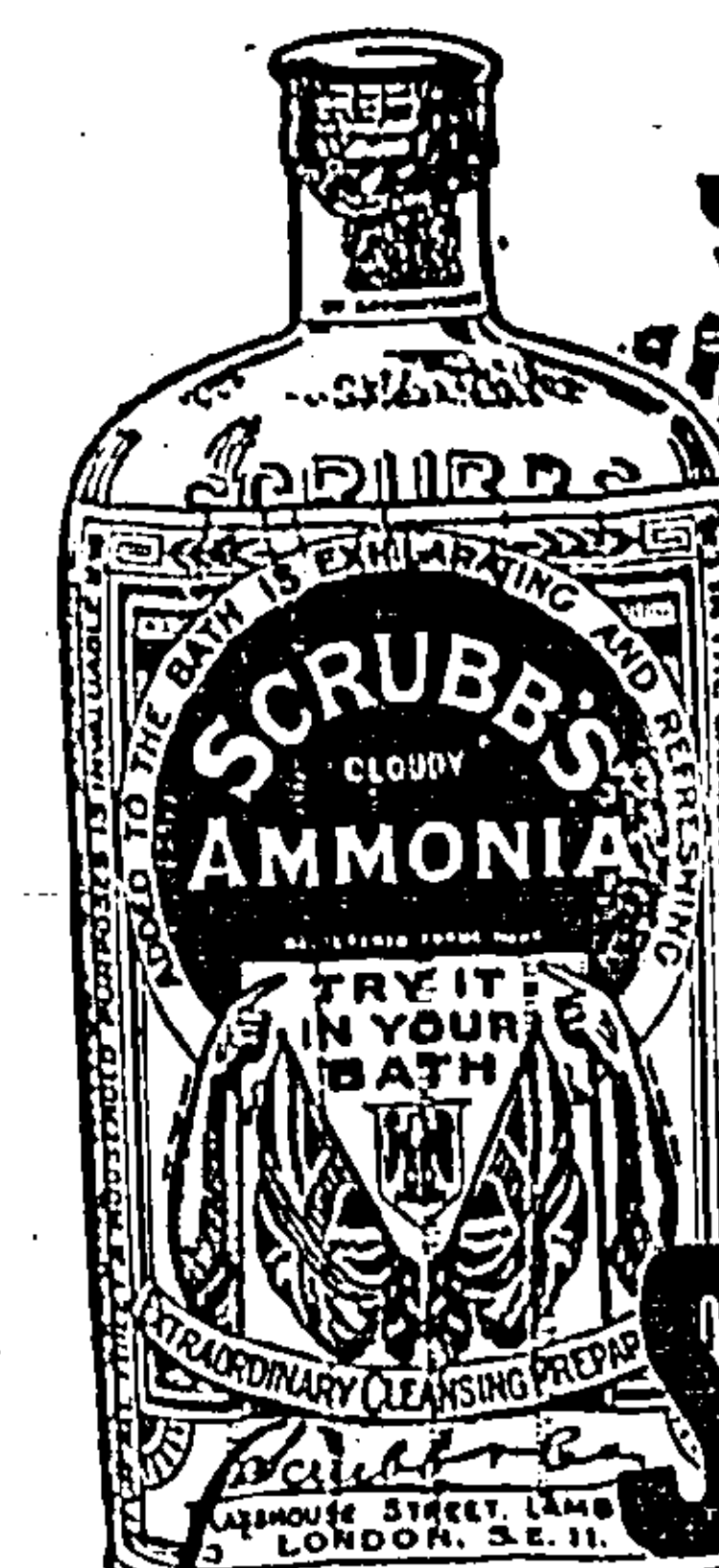
Mr. Sommerfelt and Mrs. Pearce have a talk after the second racing event on Saturday.—Pictorial News.

Visas For New York World's Fair

New York.

Foreign visitors to the New York World's Fair 1939 must obtain a non-immigration visa, good for six months. This period can be extended upon official approval. Federal authorities and immigration officials will make a close check-up to be sure all the 500,000 foreign visitors expected at the Fair return to their native lands at expiration of their visas.

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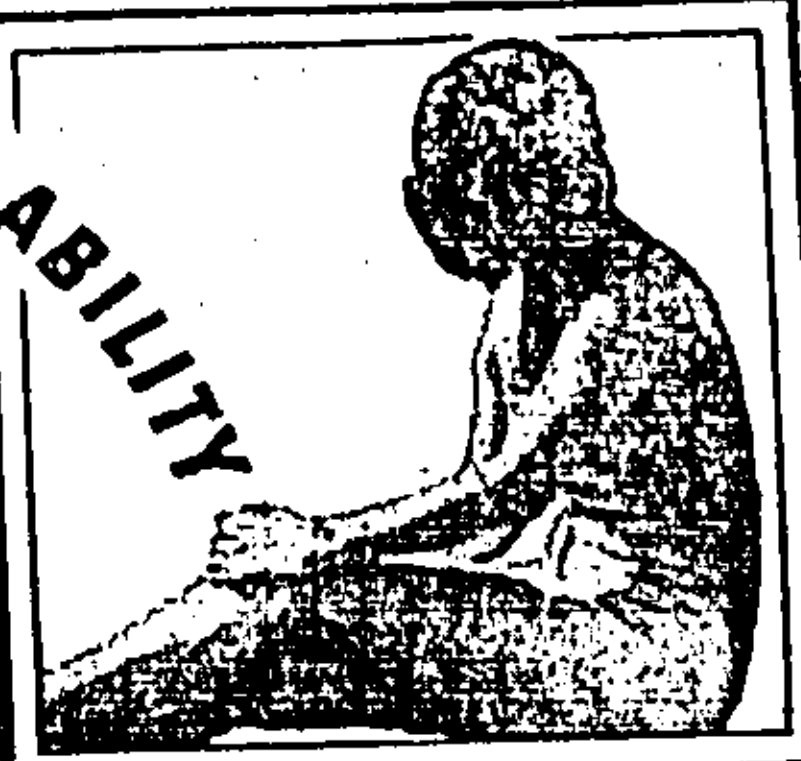
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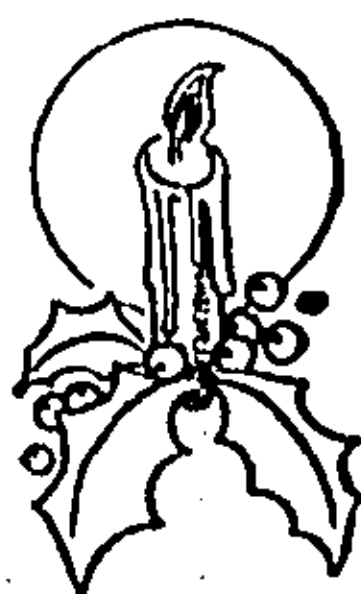


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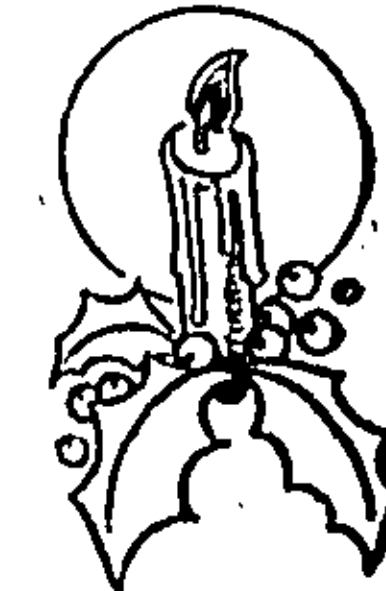
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Birth being its source and in-
spiration, it has gathered to it-
self all the love and tenderness
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given its setting and circum-
stance—the Mother, the Child,
the manger, the cattle, the
shepherds, the Magi and the gifts
—these in their course down the
ages have gathered round them
an aura of tenderness and senti-
ment, with their own benignant
ritual and song.

Christmas stockings, bells
and carols, roast goose and
turkey, little fir-trees, mistletoe
and holly—all these and much
else Christmas has gathered to
itself.

The season in which it has
fallen adds to its strength by
contrast; the festival shines out
like the cheerful windows of an
inn midway along the dark road
of the winter, where there is
warmth and company and re-
freshment. The sober reality
may be a Hongkong heat-wave,
but in the ideal Christmas of
our childhood the ponds are all
ringing with strong black ice,
there are four inches of snow
upon the ground, powdery and
fine, with the fields buried deep
below the dazzling mantle.

The fireside is a seasonable
pleasure which our ancestors set
at its true value and which our
more travelled generation is apt
to misprize. Especially, is it a
pleasure and a benefit when it
unites the family group round
its most ancient altar, the
hearth, at the festival dedicated
time out of mind to the child,
the mother and the family.

Thus Christmas gives to man-
kind these beautiful homilies of
kindliness, hospitality and the
giving of gifts, of charity, of
friendship, and of family love.

Life would be a sadder pil-
grimage without it, and after
the trials which have afflicted
our Homeland these last few
months, and the tribulations
through which our great and
friendly neighbour is passing,
we hope it will bring a rich me-
asure of blessing and consolation.

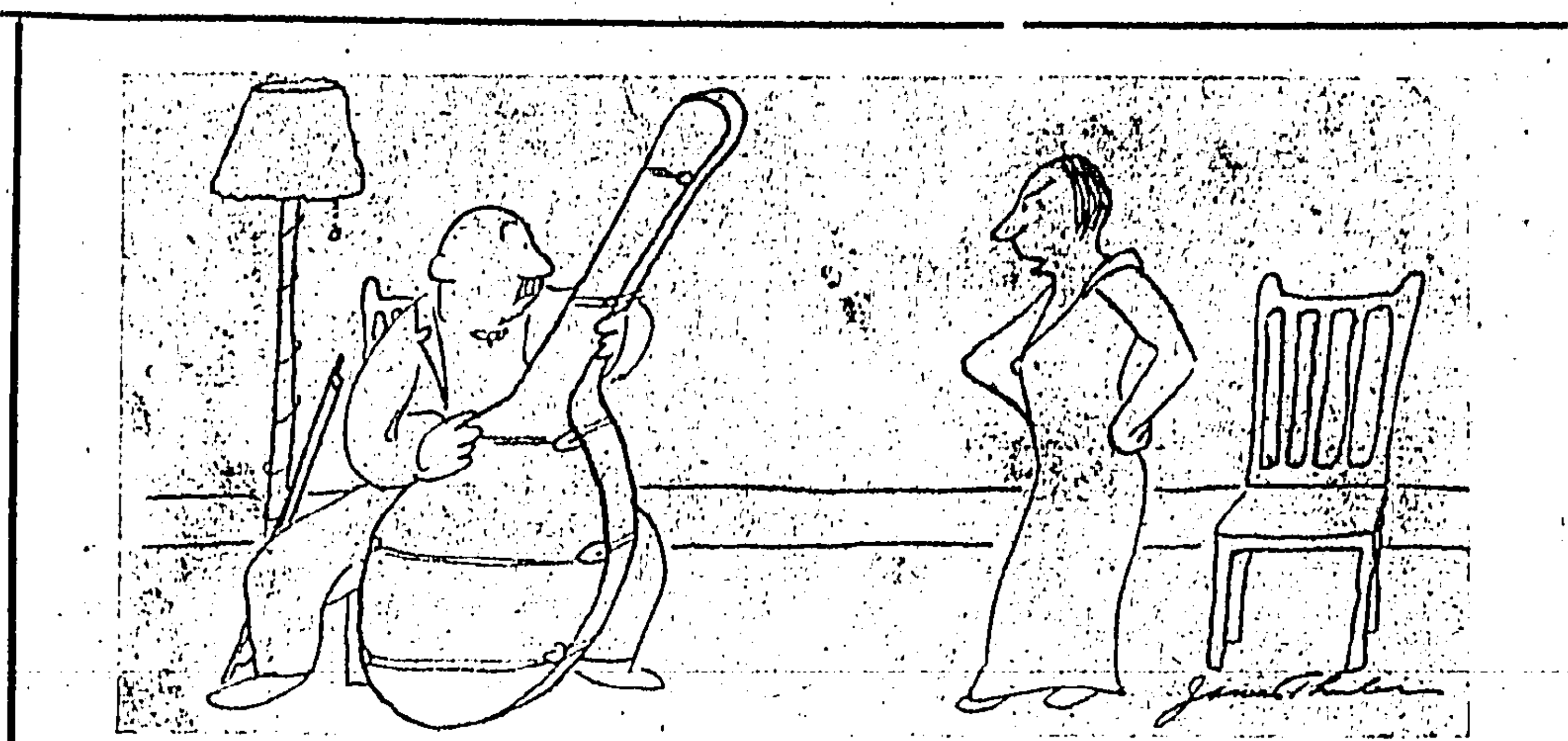
CARLYLE! thou shouldst
be living at this hour:
Christmas hath need of
thee! For the old dyspeptic
being our first authority on
clothes, would probably in-
struct us wisely in the mat-
ter of Christmas presents.

Mention of the old gentle-
man, and the hidden reference
to two of England's major poets,
set me wondering what pre-
sents at Christmas, or the pagan
New Year, one would have
wished on say a dozen of the
earth's greatest. Here are a
few of my fancies:—

1. Carlyle—A new digestion.
 2. Milton—Restored eye-
sight.
 3. Wordsworth—Daffodils.
 4. Alexander—A new world
to conquer.
 5. Cleopatra—Pearls and
some vinegar.
 6. Mr. Pepys—Knowledge of
his future fame.
 7. Henry VIII.—Another
wife.
 8. Horace Walpole—A fresh
scandal.
 9. Marat—A lock for the
bathroom.
 10. Napoleon—A change of
warders.
 11. Florence Nightingale—A
new lamp.
 12. Dickens—Time to finish
"Edwin Drood."
- Then what about people living
to-day? Here I suggest:—
1. C. B. Cochran—A wow.
 2. Greta Garbo—A passage
home.
 3. The ex-Kaiser—A tin
sabre.
 4. Mr. (Hore-Belisha—Toy
soldiers.
 5. Mr. Thomas Farr—14lbs.
more punch.
 6. Mr. Littlewood—A swim-
ming pool.
 7. The Japanese—Sanity.
 8. Any Spaniard—Ditto.
 9. The English Cricket
Team—Guts.
 10. Gracie Fields—Another
"Sally."
 11. Strube—Another twenty-
five years.
 12. Gordon Richards—A Der-
by winner.

I COME now to the most
important principle in
the matter of Christmas pre-
sents. They must be useless.
Here is a list of useful presents
for which I, personally, should
say "Thank you very much,"
and then immediately dismiss
them from mind:—

1. Radio licence.
2. Bed socks.
3. The Works of Longfellow.
4. Gramophone record of the
Quins.
5. Garden roller.
6. Loofah.
7. Bulbs for window-boxes.
8. Skid-chains for motor-
car.
9. Horse-muzzle.
10. Beetle-powder.
11. Asparagus tongs.
12. Goloshes.



"I'm not going to
put up with one of
those things, no you
might as well not
unwrap it."

James Agate likes to get USELESS Christmas presents

What I do want and am yearning to possess is:—

1. Pair of budgerigars.
2. Blackpool Tower in cork.
3. Smoking-suit in purple
corduroy with tangerine
lapels.
4. Tie-press in mother-of-
pearl.
5. Tortoiseshell walking-stick
and celluloid buttonhole
for evening dress.
6. Pagoda for poodle.
7. Poodle for pagoda.
8. Silhouette of Marlene
Dietrich in seaweed.
9. Portrait of Abraham
Lincoln in wool.
10. Hookah.
11. Howdah for white ele-
phant.
12. Model of National
Theatre.

BUT the people really
to be considered are
the kids. Here the rule is that
they must be given things
which fire the imagination. The
bitterest moment of my boy-
hood was when a hard-won
First Prize for Proficiency in
Science turned out to be Dar-
win's "Formation of Vegetable
Mould through the Action of
Worms."

But let me begin with the
lots. Never, never, NEVER

give children children's books.

Dr. Johnson knew about this, as
we see from Mrs. Piozzi's
"Anecdotes":—

"Babies do not want to hear
about giants and castles, and
of somewhat which can stretch
and stimulate their little
minds." When in answer I
would urge the numerous edi-
tions and quick sale of Tommy
Prudent or Goody Two Shoes:
"Remember always (said he)
that the parents buy the books,
and that the children never read
them."

THE same thing applies
to plays for children.

When I was a child the kind of
pantomime I liked was the
grown-up sort. I doted on one
in which the Principal Boy, at-
tired in tights and top-hat,
slapped her thigh and sang a
rousing ditty of which the bur-
den was:—

For I'm a man of the world,
A man of the world am I!

I cherish an undying admira-
tion for the late Macdonald
Hastings. For many reasons,
though one golden sentence
must suffice. This occurs in his
"Memoirs of a Child." Mac is
talking of an island called

Herm, where he used to spend
the summer holidays with ten
brothers and sisters. Herm
was of all islands the most
glorious, the most glorious
of all being Jethou, "which
we all thought must be
much better than Herm because
there were only two houses on
it." Now comes my golden
sentence: "The next year we
went to Cromer or some stink-
ing hole!"

Woe to the parent whose off-
spring should write in later
years: "We all wanted to go to
'Cinderella.' But father in-
sisted on taking us to 'The Glass
Slipper' or some stinking fan-
tasy!"

But to return to our books.
Here the matter is largely one
of age. Boys up to the age of
twelve should be given what-
ever is the modern equivalent
of the school stories of Talbot
Baines Reed and the adventure
yarns of G. A. Henty.

From twelve to fifteen
the masterpieces which they
will read now or never—such
masterpieces as "Robinson Cru-
soe," "Westward Ho!" "Tom
Brown's Schooldays," "Master-
man Ready," "The Last of the
Mohicans," "King Solomon's
Mines," "Treasure Island," and
anything by Jules Verne.
From fifteen to eighteen the
Heart of Midlothian, "David
Copperfield," "Vanity Fair,"
"The Cloister and the Hearth,"
"Adam Bede," "Barchester
Tower," "Many Inventions,"
"Kipps," and "The Old Wives'
Tale."

From eighteen to twenty-one
I recommend "Tom Jones,"
"The Vicar of Wakefield," "La-
in which the Principal Boy, at-
tired in tights and top-hat,
slapped her thigh and sang a
rousing ditty of which the bur-
den was:—

And, of course, any age from
fifteen onwards is right for
Boswell's "Johnson" and the
Diary of Samuel Pepys.

About girls, I suggest the
same curriculum, with the ex-
ception of "Tom Jones," which
they will not understand, and
"Many Inventions," which they
will dislike.

IN the matter of toys I
am inclined to think
that boys should have some-
thing corresponding to modern
invention, which means air-
planes, motor-cars and speed-
boats. I am not in favour of
trains, because father will play
with them and the child never
get a look-in.

As a thorough fogey and
were I the father of two child-
ren, I should give them a chess-
board of nobly-smelling leather
and a set of weighted chess-men
of the dignity which suits the
game.

In my view, nothing is better
for an afternoon at this season
than a roaring fire, an old-
fashioned sheepskin hearthrug,
black for choice, a supply of
oranges, and a set of chess men.
You play the game on your
stomach, and instead of chang-
ing over the pieces at the end
of the game, change places on
the hearthrug and so get the
other side scorched!

Little girls still, I suppose,
like dolls. In my day demure
maidens of six required a wax
effigy which opened two china-
blue eyes and said "Mamma!"
Now I shall reluctantly concede
that they prefer a badizeden
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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Nope, I didn't sell it—just got married!"

Japanese Terms For Ending War

TOKYO, Dec. 23. BROADCASTING last night, Premier Prince Konoye laid down the conclusion of a Sino-Japanese anti-Comintern Pact, and the placing of economic co-operation between China and Japan on a footing of equality as the guiding principles for the readjustment of relations between Japan and the New China.

The inauguration of full diplomatic relations between Manchukuo and China was another principle mentioned by Prince Konoye.

The Premier's statement in connection with a Sino-Japanese anti-Comintern Pact says that Japan in this matter demands that Japanese troops be stationed at specific points as long as the pact is in force.

In connection with economic co-operation, the Premier declared that Japan does not intend to exercise economic monopoly in China, and she does not intend to demand China to limit her interests with third Powers who grasp the meaning of a new East Asia, and are willing to act accordingly.

Furthermore, "Japan not only respects the sovereignty of China, but she is prepared to give positive consideration of the questions of the abolition of extrajurisdictional rights in China, and the settlement of matters which are necessary for the full independence of China."

U.S. REACTIONS

Washington, Dec. 22. The Under Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, declined to comment on Premier Konoye's statement pending receipt of the official version.

Unofficial circles considered that the newest aspect of Premier Konoye's statement was the projected abandonment of extrajurisdictional rights in China, provided China entered into accord with Japan.

The belief is expressed that the United States will oppose this proposal as strongly as they did Japan's larger policy of "Asia for Asians," and it is said that the United States would regard the plan as part of a Japanese attempt to obtain exclusive and complete control of China, instead of liberating the Chinese from admittedly single-deal restrictions.

Some observers contended it was paradoxical for Japan to propose to free China from small foreign concessions while proposing that she, herself, station soldiers throughout China to obtain special new economic advantages from China.

The United States programme to free China from extrajurisdictional restrictions was incorporated in the Nine-Power treaty, in which the Powers agree to keep their hands off in China, enabling her to become internally strong enough to obviate the necessity for extrajurisdictionality.

It is contended here that Japan, by military occupation of China, interfered with China's progress and violated her treaty.

Some observers linked the Premier's statement with Japan's reported indignation at the recent United States loan to China, and speculated that the Prime Minister aimed, indirectly, to submit retaliatory measures which Japan could take if Great Britain and the United States executed the loans to China.

They doubted however, that price Konoye's statement would alter the attitude at London or Washington because Japan is already regarded as having curtailed occidental commercial activities to such an extent that further curtailment will cause no anxiety.—United Press.

Assistance For St. Helena

Rehabilitation Of Island Proposals

London, Dec. 22. Measures of rehabilitation for St. Helena were mentioned by the Colonial Secretary at Commons question time. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald said that he had received a despatch from the Governor outlining the proposals, and the depressed condition of industry in the island were receiving his own constant attention. He had recently approved on the recommendation of the governor a subsidy to enable the flax mills to re-open to cover loans to small property owners for house repairs and to aid the rise in wages of government employees.

A Superintendent of Education has been appointed. Mr. MacDonald also announced that the Union Castle Line were arranging for their ships to call at St. Helena during the day-time so that tourists could land and visit places of interest thus swelling tourist traffic.—British Wireless.

PLEDGE BY KOREANS TO GOVERNMENT

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and national reconstruction, will be accomplished. This belief is not only held by the 450,000,000 Chinese people, but also by the 30,000,000 Koreans.

LIVE LIKE ANIMALS

"It has been 20 years now since Korea was conquered by Japan. During these 20 years, under the principle of interior extension, 30,000,000 Koreans have been forced to live like animals.

"The sufferings and oppressions we Koreans have been receiving are beyond imagination.

"Those who cannot endure any longer the Japanese oppression have moved to the Chinese Three Eastern Provinces, to share the destiny of the Chinese brethren there.

"Since the beginning of the present war, the Japanese military had had a severe lesson. Comrades of the Korean People's Army have all risen to revenge the grievances of these 20 years, and to fight for justice, peace, and the mother country. Only the lack of strength has made large-scale rebellion impossible. But anti-Japanese activities have never ceased for a single day.

"China and Korea are historically related. Both nations have been subjected to Japanese aggression in the past scores of years. Korea has unfortunately been conquered, but her spirit of resistance is in no way different from that of China. The Koreans believe that when China wins in her war of resistance, all the weak and small nations will be benefited, emancipated, and can return to a state of freedom and equality.

"Generalissimo Chiang recently issued a message to the Chinese people, expounding with great determination the true meaning of prolonged resistance. He asked that the people must face the present situation with greater fortitude, greater courage, greater capacity for sufferings and hardships, in order to national strength for nation-wide prolonged resistance and bring about the ultimate victory. This message has not only pointed the right way in enemy-resistance and national reconstruction, but also been a lesson to Koreans in their bitter struggle for their national independence.

"From now on, it is necessary that Chinese and Korean comrades be prepared to face the crisis with greater fortitude and patience, and with united mind and action, to fight for the final victory. Members of the Korean People's Army will follow loyally the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang, to co-operate with Chinese for the purpose of defeating Japan, restoring the Korean nation for justice and for peace."—Central News.

MAJORS AND MINORS FELL BY WAYSIDE

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was how you spelt "adjudicator." Smith minor—have been gonged?

Besides, Robinson Major was unlucky to be gonged on "dissidents"—a perfectly correct alternative for "dissidence," according to the Oxford Dictionary.

Brown Minor must have felt like eating dirt when he spelt "geophagist"—meaning: a dirt eater—with an extra "o". And how "Vinjar" must have writhed as he heard the same young man render "pteridology"—the science of ferns—as "teredology!"

Brown Major felt at perfect ease when he spelt "c-i-s-s-o-g-e"—only it should have been "syzygy" which, to you ignorant readers, means a conjunction or opposition of a planet with the sun. (I know, I've looked it up!)

The Majors had no difficulty with "Housewifery," "Decadence," "Embarrassed" or "Subsidence," but the Minors must have breathed collective sighs of relief when it fell upon their opponents to deal with "chimerical"—Robinson Major spelt it "Kimerical."

And now, if you're feeling superior after listening to last night's broadcast, ask a friend to try the words on you, and see if you can do better.

OVER FORTY UNDER FORTY

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| Irrepressible | Transcendence |
| Machination | Miscellany |
| Disavowal | Desplendency |
| Aesthetism | Discrepancy |
| Enveloping | Patience |
| Housewifery | Contradiction |
| Questionary | Accessible |
| Belliquous | Obsequy |
| Illiteracy | Symbolically |
| Decadence | Courteous |
| Telephonic | Supercilious |
| Plethoric | Geopagist |
| Embarrassment | Adjudicator |
| Subsidence | Reverberatory |
| Chimerical | Ullage |
| Syzygy | Pteridology |

"Henometer" Stamps Eggs

SYDNEY, Australia. Hens in Australia will soon be punching time clocks just like office and factory workers. A "Henometer" has been invented, which will automatically stamp each egg with the breed of the hen and the date of the egg. The device is intended to prevent the sale of preserved eggs for fresh ones.

JUDGE'S SCATHING COMMENT

30 Months Prison For False Protences

"THE Jury have unanimously found you guilty of a singularly cruel type of larceny of a large sum of money from a widow, who on her own admission is completely without guile, and without knowledge of human nature. I have heard nothing of any offer on your part to make complete or part restoration to the complainant, so the sentence will be necessarily severe. You will go to prison with hard labour for two years and six months."

The above remarks were made by His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, at the conclusion of the trial of Li Hui-ting, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Li was found guilty by a Jury comprising Messrs. G. A. Lawrence (foreman), S. K. Heiberger, F. M. Garcia, E. A. Noronha, D. L. Ballantyne, Lim Kim-chong and Chu Chang-yue on a charge of having obtained \$10,000 from Chiu Li-tze in December of last year by falsely pretending that he was the owner of a house in Morrison Road.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jnr., who was instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva for the prosecution, while Mr. D. J. N. Anderson was instructed by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones for the defence.

American And British Goods Banned, Report

Ningkuo, Dec. 22. Reports received here reveal that the Japanese are prohibiting the sale of British and American goods in the Ningchow area.

In Kashiou, on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway it is stated that even British and American cigarettes are on the list of prohibited articles. Violators have been severely punished by the Japanese.—Central News.

Protective Tariff For Netherlands

Le Hague, Dec. 22. The First Chamber has passed a bill authorising the Government to enforce a protective tariff by Royal decree.

The Bill becomes operative upon the introduction of another trade measure which has already been drafted.

Dr. Collin, President of the Netherlands, said he is still a free trader and has not lost hope of restoring free trade in the Netherlands, but, after the London world economic conference, he was convinced of the necessity for a new Dutch tariff policy.—Reuter Special.

Royal Family Leave For Sandringham

London, Dec. 22.

The King and Queen, accompanied by Queen Mary and Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, left King's Cross Station this afternoon for Woburn on their way to Sandringham for Christmas.

This morning the Princesses visited an exhibition of dolls and wardrobes presented to them by the children of France. With their governess they spent more than an hour at the exhibition.

Since it opened on December 10, there has been an average attendance each day of more than 1,700 people and practically all the members of the Royal family have visited it. It has now been decided that the exhibition will remain open until January 7. Receipts from the charges for admission will be divided between French and British children's charities.—British Wireless.

Commons Adjourns For Christmas

London, Dec. 22.

The House of Commons to-day adjourned for the Christmas recess until January 31, subject to re-assembly if public interest requires.

Mr. Chamberlain, in moving the adjournment, declared: "I am happy to think that whatever the perils of this season may be, there is no reason to anticipate that we shall have to put the previous year to rest."

The Premier is spending Christmas at Chequers, and afterwards will stay with friends for a few days before departing for Rome.

Several members of the Cabinet are spending their holiday abroad, and others will scatter to their homes in different parts of the country.—Reuter.

SMALL-POX DANGERS STRESSED

Hongkong And The Shanghai Outbreak

"PEOPLE WHO HAVE not been vaccinated within the past three years with locally manufactured lymph are urged to do so immediately. This especially applies to children."

Dr. P. S. Selwyn Clarke, Director of Medical Services, made this announcement to the "Telegraph" this afternoon, when his attention was drawn to reports of the serious outbreak of small-pox in Shanghai.

SHANGHAI OUTBREAK

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22. Statistics of the Municipal Council's health department reflect the seriousness of the growing small-pox epidemic, which has resulted in the isolation of 1,013 Chinese, and 85 foreigners since the start of the outbreak in October.

The statistics showed that Chinese deaths totalled 331, and that 15 per cent. of the foreign victims had died.

It was revealed that 10 Britons, and three Americans were laid up with the disease. These included eight Britons from H.M.S. Suffolk and the others were chiefly soldiers. Among the American victims was Mr. John Morris, Far Eastern manager of the "United Press", who was not now serious as he had passed the critical stage, and was out of danger. Mrs. Kardon and Mr. Jordan were other Americans stricken.

The statistics revealed that the majority of the stricken Chinese had never previously been vaccinated. The epidemic, although not the most serious in the history of Shanghai, is one of the worst outbreaks for 20 years.

Vaccination campaigns had resulted in 4,000 people daily being vaccinated, most of whom were Chinese who had never been vaccinated, and who were new arrivals in the city, mostly farmers.—United Press.

COMMONS ATTACK ON DRUG POSITION IN FAR EAST

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aimed at the systematic demoralisation of the Chinese people.

He thought that the diagnosis which most correctly fitted this extremely grave position was somewhat as follows: reports we receive from North China seem to confirm the statements made at the meeting of the Opium Advisory Committee last June.

In North China, before the Japanese occupation in 1937, an attempt was being made by the Chinese Central Government to enforce drastic opium and narcotic laws which they promulgated in 1935.

There are indications that they were, to some extent, being successful.

Since the Japanese occupation of this region, these deterrents to a large extent have disappeared. It is as these deterrents disappear that the position seems to get worse.

Mr. Butler proceeded to say that in February over 30 Chinese Government ordinances were repealed by the Peiping Provisional Government, and in May it was announced that the Peiping tax administration had decided to allow the opening of 300 opium dens.

The Provisional Government had issued certain ordinances for the control of the traffic, the effect of which it was not yet possible to estimate.

POSITION IN PEIPING

He was bound to give the House the information he possessed, and it appeared to His Majesty's Government, that since the formal repeal of the Chinese Government's ordinances, opium pipes and smoking accessories began to be offered openly for sale on stalls and in the markets at Peiping.

Innumerable drug stores were opened, until at the present, there was scarcely a single store where drugs could not be bought openly and indulged in.

Viscount Halifax had no definite information beyond the published budget figures of 1938 regarding Manchuria, but a report on the drug situation had been called from the British representative there.

The conditions in Central China did not appear to be so serious. The Nanking Provisional Government had recently promulgated ordinances aimed at controlling the traffic, but he was not able to give definite information as regards their likely result.

Mr. Butler said that, taken together with the information he gave about the growth of heroin, it would seem there had been distinct increases in these various parts of the Far East.

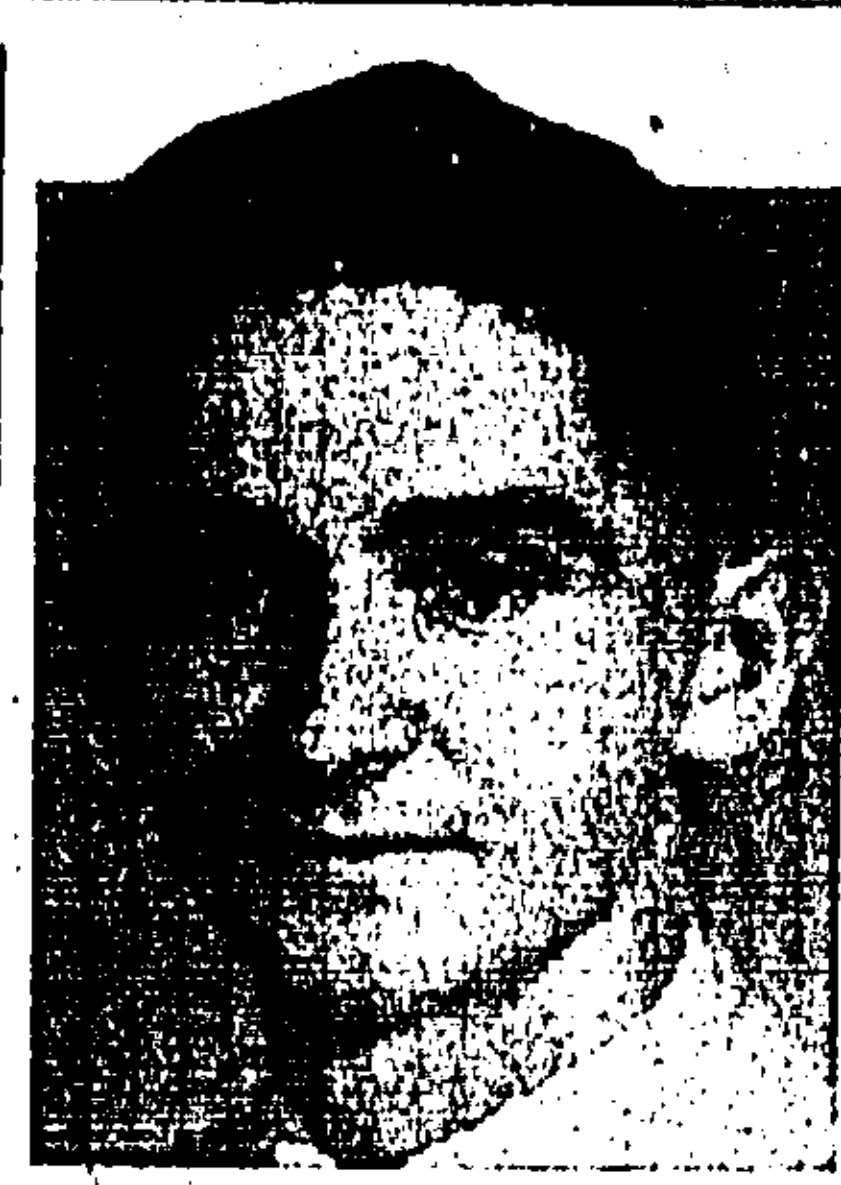
The Government's view was that there had been an increase in the traffic.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE

Viscount Halifax had no information on the attitude of the Japanese military authorities to the trade in heroin, which appeared chiefly to emanate from "Tientsin" and was often carried on by Korean camp followers.

The Government intended to continue a close examination of the matter in company with other governments, as that was preferable to individual action.

The matter was then dropped.—Reuter.



RONALD EGAN

MISSING H.K. YOUTH HOME AGAIN

RONALD EGAN, 20-year-old Hongkong youth who has been missing from his home in Kowloon since Tuesday, returned shortly before noon to-day.

"I have just had a report that he has arrived home," said his father, Mr. J. Egan.

"I cannot say yet where he has been, beyond that he came back from Macao."

"I want to thank the newspapers, the shipping companies, the police department and the broadcasting station for all the help they have given."

S.O.S. FOR DONORS OF BLOOD

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sample obtained from the patient who requires the transfusion.

The microscope is the final judge of the suitability of the donor's blood, for if through it the corpuscles are noticed to clump together, the donor's blood is not suitable and it would be fatal to perform the transfusion.

The scene under the microscope would be re-enacted in the blood vessels and the patient would die of shock, when the corpuscles began to agglutinate.

ALMOST PAINLESS

The blood transfusion is almost painless. A hollow sharp needle is inserted into a blood vessel in the crook of the arm, is attached to a rubber tube which hangs down into a beaker. Generally there is a saline solution in the beaker. The donor's arm is raised and usually about eight ounces of blood are allowed to flow down.

The donated blood is transfused to the patient by means of gravitation generally. Very small ill-effects are noticed soon after a transfusion. There may be a slight giddy sensation which soon passes away.

Medical men say that donating blood is actually beneficial to the donor. They say the need for fresh blood to replace the donated blood, stimulates the tissues in the bone marrow to greater activity, and the blood is enriched.

Depreciation In China's Currency Is Forecast

Peiping, Dec. 22.

Chinese political and banking circles say that further depreciation of the old banknotes will very likely be announced before the end of the year, but no official confirmation is available.

Banking circles are sceptical whether a new discount can be enforced, better than the previous discount which was ignored by all except official organisations, but the imminent withdrawal of all old banknotes is making the new notes popular among the non-saving class, while larger denominations of the old notes are being sought and hoarded.—United Press.

Narrow Margin In Daladier Vote

Paris, Dec. 22.

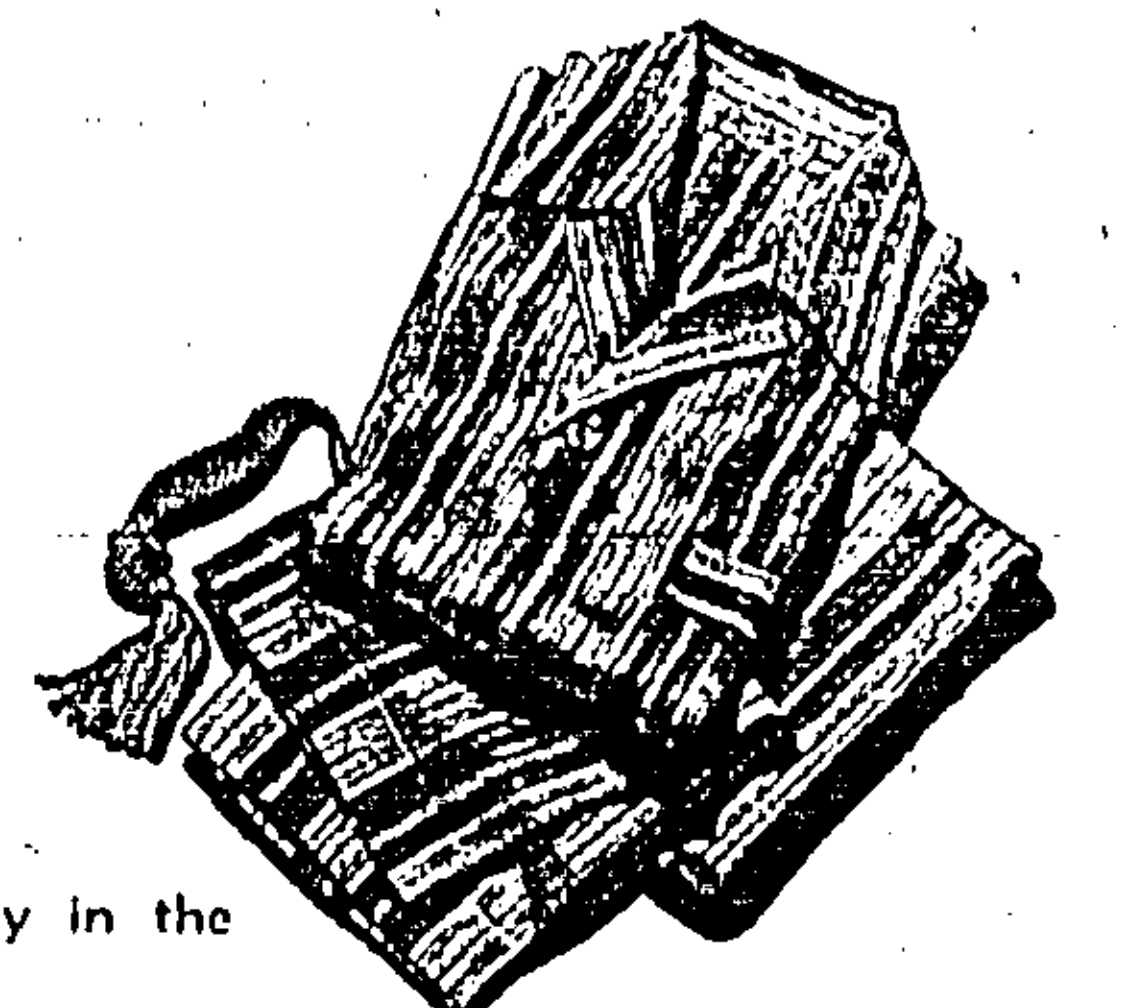
By the narrow margin of seven votes (291 against 284) the Chamber of Deputies passed a motion of confidence in the Government, supporting authorization of new taxation and empowering the Government to levy 10,000 million francs additional direct and indirect taxes to enable balancing of the 1939 budget.—United Press.

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LOCAL RACING SEASON ENDS BEFORE HUGE CROWD

SPLENDID FEAT BY EU STABLE IN TARDY H'CAP Silkylight Again Lowers A Record

(By "Captain Foster")

The Hongkong Jockey Club closed their racing season last Saturday before one of the largest crowds ever assembled at Happy Valley. The dollar cash sweep counter was the chief attraction, the first prize in the opening event, the Hongkong Autumn Champions, being well over \$2,000 and ticket No. 1225 was worth \$5,574.80 for an outlay of \$2 in the last contest.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was the wonderful success of the Singapore philanthropist, Mr. Eu Tong-sen, whose three nominations, Lucky (with Mr. Encarnacao up), Rose Jane (Mr. W. Poy) and Rose-Queen (Mr. S. W. Pan) finished first, second and third respectively in the Tardy Handicap for "C" class China ponies. It was a hard fought-out battle, Lucky winning by a length and the same margin separated the other two ponies. Mr. Eu Tong-sen should feel proud of the record.

Champion's Wonderful Running

Silkylight Too Good For Field

Favoured with a good going, Silkylight, owned by Mr. Eric Moller of Shanghai and ridden by his son Mr. R. B. Moller, annexed the Hongkong Autumn Champions in record time of 2.21½ by many lengths, lowering Liberty Bay's track figure established on February 22, 1933, by two three-fifths seconds. It was certainly an amazing feat, the first quarter being covered in 28½ seconds and the next two furlongs were galloped in 20½ seconds. The third quarter was slackened to 20 seconds, but the speed of the next two furlongs was accelerated to 28½ seconds and then Silkylight came down the home

stretch in 27 seconds with a few pounds to spare.

We all know that Silkylight was a first class animal, but we had no idea that he possessed such wonderful legs. It may not be known that the last mile was run in 1.52½ against the record time of 1.55 held by Diana Bay and the last half-a-mile was negotiated in 55½ seconds.

As was anticipated, Bear Claw jumped to the front at the release of the barrier followed by Confusion Bay, Silkylight and Expression Time, but I noticed that when they reached the bottom of the hill, Bear Claw was labouring owing to the fast pace. However, as they neared the 5-mile post, Confusion Bay took up the running and the first three quarters of the circuit were journeyed in 1.20½ which was a grand show. At this juncture Silkylight dropped back as if he could not follow the leader and there was a tremendous excitement in the two stands.

Coming down the Black Rock, the order was Confusion Bay, Bear Claw, Silkylight and Expression Time, and there was daylight between the runners. All the glasses were focussed on the ponies and those 1,570 backers on Silkylight must have thought that their money had gone west.

At the 1½ mile beacon or thereabout the triple crown winner shot forward in a most remarkable way and believe it or not, Silkylight was leading the pack at the top of the home stretch. Confusion Bay stuck to Mr. Eric Moller's candidate until the distance when he began to flag and Boogie Moller, who rode a clever race on Silkylight, was tickled to cross the "W. P." by many lengths. It was a fine race and the combination of Silkylight and Moller remains unbeaten.



Activity in the paddock after the saddling bell in the Dilatory Handicap, first leg of the "Double" at Saturday's races. New Star (Mr. S. W. Pan up) is at the head of the line, followed by the winner, Double Chance, ridden by Mr. A. W. Raymond, and Plain View (Mr. H. C. Pih up) which came second. On the right Mr. V. V. Needa is seen mounting Ebony Idol which was unplaced.—Pictorial News.

NO FLUKE IN LUCKY LAD'S WIN

Well-Timed Race
By V. V. Needa

I raise my hat to Lucky Lad, a "B" class Australian pony, winning the Queensland Autumn Champions and there was no fluke about his victory. The jockey, Mr. Needa, nursed the pony and rode a nice race. Prior to this classic event, Lucky Lad finished behind Vixen Tor (winner) in the New Bridge Handicap for "B" class over six furlongs and in the circumstance I never expected that he had a chance of becoming the champion pony.

It was indeed a great pity that the hot favourite, Courting Eve, went lame after covering half the distance. The veteran Snowy River (1935 sub-

Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following are the teams specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow:

Home Winners

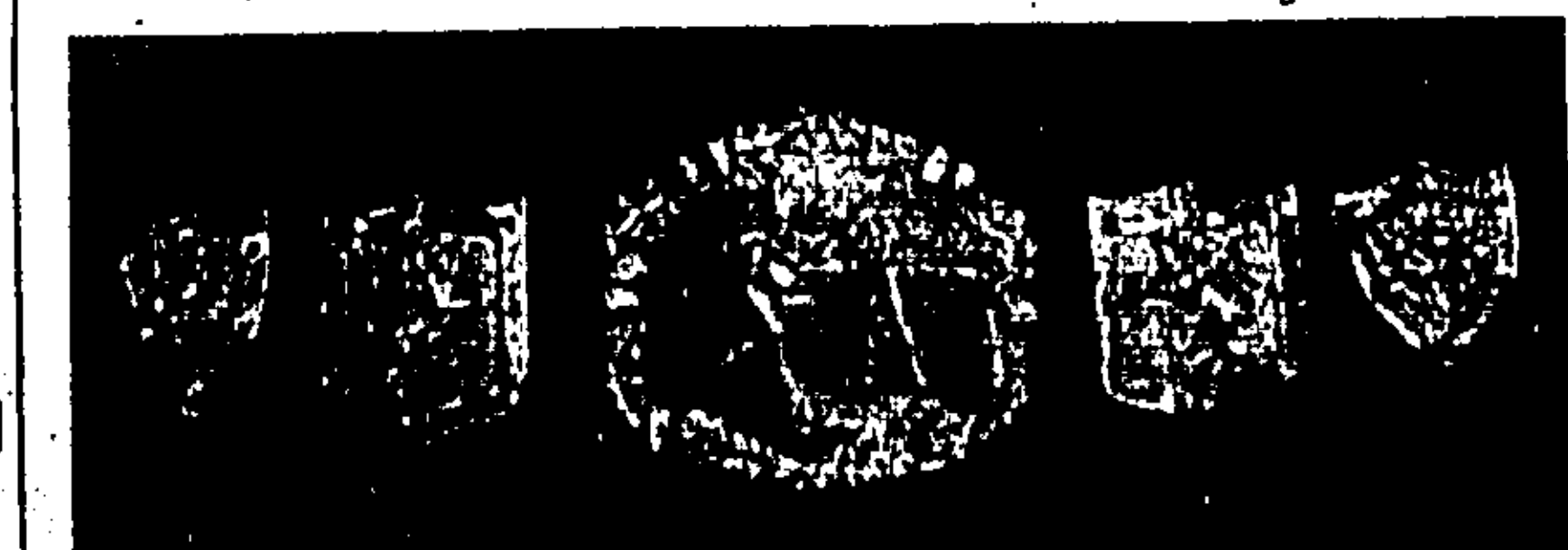
Everton
Stoke
Sheffield U.
Crystal Pal.
Newport
Northampton
Hamilton
Rangers

Optional Selections

Charlton
Hull
Stockport
Bradford

Griffin, surprised us by running into a third place and she was also from the "B" brigade.

Readers and punters will no doubt be interested to know that Lucky Lad was by Tom McCarthy and there are three sons by the same sire among the consignment which arrived here about the beginning of August for 1939 Annual Carnival. Pony No. 48 belongs to Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, No. 52 is owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton and No. 55 is the property of the stable Ciro. They have not as yet during the training season. Centre Court gave a very disappointing display and so did the Spring champion, Strathroy.



Above is a picture of the Bantamweight Belt of the 2nd Lt. The Royal Scots, which was won last night by Pte. Craig, who beat Pte. 40 Scott. The Belt was presented by Capt. (QM) Evans, one time Light-weight Champion of Scotland, who won it outright when a Sergeant in the Regiment, 1913, 1914.

Here And There With "Abe"

First Test Starts In S. Africa To-morrow

THE M.C.C. cricketers in South Africa under the captaincy of Walter Hammond will embark tomorrow on the task of regaining possession of the "rubber" which has not been won by England since 1922-23. It is generally considered in South Africa that the M.C.C. has sent out its strongest side for 50 years. For the first time, England will be represented by the full strength of its home eleven with Hammond leading a model team—the sort of side that the student of cricket would pick from the formula of the text book. The matches played by the tourists to date confirm the high opinion held of the team at the beginning of the visit, and no doubt the chances are that England will win the series, which begins at Johannesburg tomorrow. Four days have been allocated to each Test match, and the First Test will be played on December 24, 26, 27 and 28; the Second on December 31, January 2, 3 and 4; the Third on January 20, 21, 22 and 24; the Fourth on February 18, 20, 21 and 22; and the Fifth on March 3, 4, 5 and 7.

It is a tribute that will receive universal support; yet it is not without irony to those who have good memories. In the space of one year he has captained England through a Test series with Australia and has been made a full member of the M.C.C. He has been nominated for the captaincy of his county, and is now leading an M.C.C. England team in South Africa. He would have done none of those things had he remained a professional. Sir Pelham Warner has led the way in paying tribute to a great cricket captain with the words quoted from his article in the Cricketer's Annual.

Victory, but I am certain that he will get the best out of his side."

Tribute to Hammond

SIR Pelham Warner recently paid the following tribute to Hammond's captaincy last season: "Great on the field of play, he (Hammond) was an able, inspiring and sympathetic leader. Captaining an England eleven is never an easy role. Hammond filled the position splendidly in every respect." It is a tribute that will receive universal support; yet it is not without irony to those who have good memories. In the space of one year he has captained England through a Test series with Australia and has been made a full member of the M.C.C. He has been nominated for the captaincy of his county, and is now leading an M.C.C. England team in South Africa. He would have done none of those things had he remained a professional. Sir Pelham Warner has led the way in paying tribute to a great cricket captain with the words quoted from his article in the Cricketer's Annual.

Relying On Spin

IT is expected that the home players will rely mostly on spin bowling to foil the M.C.C. batting stars. Louis Duffus, a leading South African cricketer, says that one reason why South Africa may rely on spin bowlers is the responsiveness of the wickets. This may be so, but at the time of writing the South African team has not been chosen, and it is possible that a different policy may be decided upon by the South African selectors. So far the only thing known is that Alan Melville, former Oxford University and Sussex captain, has been chosen to captain the Union team in all five Tests.

Popular Choice

FROM all accounts it is a popular choice; for no player in South Africa knows more about contemporary English cricket, while Melville has also been described as one of the best batsmen against spin bowling of his generation, although he does not seem to be in his peak form at the moment. That the highest respect is being held of his captaincy is shown by the comments of Hammond and Sir Pelham Warner when his selection was announced. Hammond said: "I am delighted that Melville has been chosen to captain South Africa. I have known him a number of years, and am pleased he is to lead South Africa. He is a very astute captain." Sir Pelham stated: "We all know Melville as a very good cricketer, and he was a very successful captain both for Oxford and for Sussex. Naturally I cannot hope that he will lead South Africa to

COACH FOR NOTTS CLUB NEXT YEAR

Sir Julien Cahn has agreed to defray the cost of coaching the Notts County Cricket side for the next three years.

The decision of the Club to engage D. J. Knight as Technical Adviser to the Club with a former Australian Test player, Alan Fairfax as his assistant, follows the decline in standard of play by the Club last season.

Last season Notts, once one of the strongest counties finished 12th in the championship table. In 1937 Notts fell from fifth to 10th place.

at Amsterdam on Sunday last in 2 mins. 39 secs. once again brings to mind the tremendous progress swimming has made during the last 15 years. Many present-day women's records are of the same standard as even the Dutch men swimmers have come to the fore and have produced a European champion, but the leading Dutch coach for both sexes is still Mme. Braun. Now a precedent of far-reaching importance has been created in Belgium. Mile. Caron swam the 1,000 metres (about 1,100 yards) in 14 mins. 31 sec., thus not only lowering the former women's record by 2½ min. but even surpassing the men's record held by Guillemin with 14 min. 43 sec. Thus a girl became champion of both sexes in Belgium. Probably not such a thing has happened before.

Women's Swimming

IRENE van Feggelen's feat in swimming the 200 metres backstroke

Subscription Griffins Drawn For

China Ponies For 1939 Season

The Hongkong Jockey Club's China pony subscription griffins of 1939 were drawn by Mrs. D. C. Edmondston and Mrs. T. E. Greaves in the presence of H.E. the Governor, stewards and a good crowd of owners and racing fans during the week. The draw resulted as follows:

| Draw No. | Drawn By | Colour | Height |
|----------|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| 201 | Mrs. F. C. Hall | Grey | 13½ |
| 202 | P. L. H. & Co. | Grey | 13½ |
| 203 | L. F. & Co. | Grey | 13½ |
| 204 | Mrs. Eu Tong-sen | Grey | 13½ |
| 205 | Li & Edmondston | Grey | 13½ |
| 206 | Northcote | Grey | 13½ |
| 207 | Hollandia | Grey | 13½ |
| 208 | John P. | Grey | 13½ |
| 209 | S. Williamson | Grey | 13½ |
| 210 | J. H. Jensen | Grey | 13½ |
| 211 | J. J. Chen | Grey | 13½ |
| 212 | Craig | Grey | 13½ |
| 213 | Moller and Johannesen | Grey | 13½ |
| 214 | S. W. Lee | Grey | 13½ |
| 215 | Shields and Stanton | Grey | 13½ |
| 216 | Dymally | Grey | 13½ |
| 217 | Fourmore | Grey | 13½ |
| 218 | Wong Sui Ngau | Grey | 13½ |
| 219 | Lucky | Grey | 13½ |
| 220 | Choy Wing Chiu & Co. | Grey | 13½ |
| 221 | C. H. | Grey | 13½ |
| 222 | Gredka | Grey | 13½ |
| 223 | E. S. K. | Grey | 13½ |
| 224 | L. F. & Co. | Grey | 13½ |
| 225 | Yeung Hing Yuen | Grey | 13½ |
| 226 | Diamonds | Grey | 13½ |
| 227 | Tester and Abraham | Grey | 13½ |
| 228 | K. C. C. | Grey | 13½ |
| 229 | S. M. K. | Grey | 13½ |
| 230 | S. L. | Grey | 13½ |
| 231 | D. & E. | Grey | 13½ |
| 232 | Li Bros. | Grey | 13½ |
| 233 | Hollandia | Grey | 13½ |
| 234 | S. W. Lee | Grey | 13½ |
| 235 | Necan | Grey | 13½ |
| 236 | Lopes and Abraham | Grey | 13½ |
| 237 | Dr. S. N. Chau | Grey | 13½ |
| 238 | Chung Hoven | Grey | 13½ |
| 239 | Mrs. F. C. Hall | Grey | 13½ |
| 240 | Tasma | Grey | 13½ |
| 241 | Mrs. Dunbar | Grey | 13½ |
| 242 | Dr. S. W. Lee | Grey | 13½ |
| 243 | Mrs. S. W. Lee | Grey | 13½ |
| 244 | S. T. Williamson | Grey | 13½ |
| 245 | Why | Grey | 13½ |
| 246 | Choy Wing Chiu & Co. | Grey | 13½ |
| 247 | K. N. K. | Grey | 13½ |
| 248 | K. F. Wong | Grey | 13½ |
| 249 | Sporer | Grey | 13½ |
| 250 | Flah | Grey | 13½ |
| 251 | Eu Tong-sen | Grey | 13½ |
| 252 | Lee Chiu Kee & S. W. Lee | Grey | 13½ |
| 253 | Hope | Grey | 13½ |
| 254 | M. A. H. | Grey | 13½ |
| 255 | Dr. Lee Shu Kee | Grey | 13½ |
| 256 | W. F. Moller | Grey | 13½ |
| 257 | Manetta | Grey | 13½ |
| 258 | Relation | Grey | 13½ |
| 259 | Li Pohn | Grey | 13½ |
| 260 | C. Tinson | Grey | 13½ |
| 261 | S. W. Tang | Grey | 13½ |
| 262 | Jolly | Grey | 13½ |
| 263 | Cocca | Grey | 13½ |
| 264 | Primus | Grey | 13½ |
| 265 | Li and Bros. | Grey | 13½ |
| 266 | S. S. To Wong | Grey | 13½ |
| 267 | Ducaners | Grey | 13½ |
| 268 | F. Moller | Grey | 13½ |
| 269 | C. S. N. | Grey | 13½ |
| 270 | Xu Tong-sen | Grey | 13½ |
| 271 | Chiu Cheong Fan | Grey | 13½ |
| 272 | Henry | Grey | 13½ |
| 273 | Black and White | Grey | 13½ |
| 274 | Lan | Grey | 13½ |
| 275 | Gredka | Grey | 13½ |
| 276 | S. T. Williamson | Grey | 13½ |
| 277 | Miss Li Po-chun | Grey | 13½ |
| 278 | M. Gregory | Grey | 13½ |
| 279 | H. Leish | Grey | 13½ |
| 280 | W. K. Yeung | Grey | 13½ |
| 281 | John Peel | Grey | 13½ |
| 282 | Manetta | Grey | 13½ |
| 283 | REJECTED | Grey | 13½ |
| 284 | L. Dunbar | Grey | 13½ |
| 285 | Yeung Bros. | Grey | 13½ |
| 286 | Choa, Chanson and Feng | Grey | 13½ |
| 287 | Moller and Johannesen | Grey | 13½ |
| 288 | Mrs. T. E. Pearce | Grey | 13½ |
| 289 | Spa | Grey | 13½ |
| 290 | Mrs. J. H. Taggart | Grey | 13½ |
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| 297 | Marber | Grey | 13½ |

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

FANLING RACES START ON BOXING DAY

SATISFACTORY ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR EVENTS

(By "Captain Foster")

The official opening meet of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held at Kwanti on Boxing day.

For the convenience of racing public there will be special trains at 12.12 p.m. and 1.25 p.m., to Fanling, and return at 5.50 p.m. and 6.51 p.m., to Kowloon. The railway first-class return fare is \$2 including admission to the Racecourse. Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 and Service Men in uniform are charged at half price.

With the curtain drawn down at Happy Valley we now look forward to Fanling to provide us with thrills over the sticks and fences. Of course its popularity, especially among the Navy and Army officers, is too well known and it is learned that a few low class Australian and China ponies have recently changed ownership. As a result of this, the factory entries have been decided to divide the Jorrock's Plate into two divisions on account of the large number of nominations.

Schooling a jumper is entirely a different proposition from flat racing, but it is best to commence operations while the ponies are young. Many a hurdler has proved a failure owing to the eagerness of the owner trying to make the pony jump without proper schooling.

However, owing to the long drought, the going will no doubt be hard and, judging by the forecast, does not look that the weather clerk will be kind enough to provide a soft course.

Ebony Idol Should Win His Event

The curtain raiser will be the Talpo Handicap, a steeplechase for China ponies over 1 1/2 miles, and there are no less than 10 entries. It is hard to follow the line of the handicapper's allotment of weights. Estover, who annexed this contest last year with the limit load of 108 lbs., has again been set to shoulder the same weight, but Ebony Idol (the winner of the Fanling Grand National and the most exclusive event) has to carry 3 lbs. less. In the latter steeplechase, Ebony Idol was considered by the handicapper to be 2 lbs. better jumper than Estover (the jockey weighed out with 1 lb. overweight) and it is interesting to relate that these leapers never met again. In my memory serves, Estover came a cropper when taking Lou's Leap, but it is strange to see that a pony should be penalised 5 lbs. for a technical knockout or in other words not completing the course. As a matter of fact, we all know that Estover can concede two stones to Ebony Idol, but what has the former done at Fanling to be placed at the top of the assessment? Ebony Idol won three clever jumping events last season and he will be the first one to land in his cage to the judges on Boxing Day followed by Estover and Araxy. Diogenes or Double Chance is, in my opinion, a good outsider.

JORROCKS PLATE "B" DIVISION

In the Jorrock's Plate "B" division which is a hurdle event over 1 1/4 miles, there is not much class among this section. Arabian Cat is new at the game and so is Rexiana, the former being a better animal. I like, however, The Minx, Canary and Silver Fox.

GOOD HURDLERS IN THIS RACE

There are several good hurdlers in the Jorrock's Plate "A" division

Coming Attraction



"IF I WERE KING"

TABBY CAT MAY NOT ACCEPT

By virtue of his win in the Final Handicap at Happy Valley last Saturday, Tabby Cat has incurred a penalty of 7 lbs. and this genet has to shoulder 172 lbs. in the Happy Valley Handicap, a fat race over a mile for "E" class China ponies. I have good reason to believe that Tabby Cat will not accept and it looks the second pony, Mac's Adventure, will have no difficulty to present his card to the judges. Easy Time and Stymlie should be in the limelight at the finish. I do not expect that any of the low weighters will upset the apparent, but Palmer, who has been kindly treated, is very tempting at 145 lbs.

10 ENTRIES FOR CANBERRA H'CAP

The Canberra Handicap, a steeplechase over a course of 1 1/2 miles for Australian ponies, has attracted no less than 10 entries with the inclusion of Mr. G. Trevorton's Brutus who is at the top of the ladder with 108 lbs. Langollen, Sea Urchin, Spectrum and Tevidol are the new comers and I have not much information about them. However, Brutus, who annexed the Australian Grand National on March 7, 1937, is my fancy with Spark Plug and Plummary to finish behind.

CONSOLATION SCURRY

The meeting will terminate with a consolation scurry, a flat race of half-a-mile for China ponies that have started at the meeting and not sure that it will not lack the usual keenness and interest. I much regret, however, that the tipping must be left to readers' discretion owing to post entries.

SELECTIONS FOR FIRST FIVE RACES

My selections for the first five events are as follows:

- TAIPO HANDICAP
- Ebony Idol
- Araxy
- JORROCKS PLATE "B" DIVISION
- The Minx
- Canary
- Silver Fox
- JORROCKS PLATE "A" DIVISION
- Jack O' Lantern
- Zero
- Metcor
- HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP
- Mac's Adventure
- Easy Time
- Stymlie
- CANBERRA HANDICAP
- Brutus
- Spark Plug
- Plummary

was cluttered up with conflicts which

NOVEL SOFTBALL GAME ARRANGED FOR XMAS DAY

A novel game of softball has been arranged to take place on the C.B.A. ground at King's Park, at 10.30 a.m. on Xmas morning, in which men and



Walter Woolf King and Della Lind take the principal singing roles in "Swiss Miss", starring Laurel and Hardy. The picture comes to the King's Theatre to-morrow as the Christmas attraction.

Starting Times Announced Golf At Fanling During Holidays

Old Course

- 9.10 P. P. Tamworth, G. E. R. Divett.
- 9.20 C. M. Gee, J. H. Geary.
- 9.24 C. D. N. Walker, M. G. Carruthers.
- 9.28 R. G. Parker, R. G. Gray.
- 9.32 A. H. Stifford, D. J. H. H. H. H.
- 9.36 J. W. Mayhew, G. McGinnis.
- 9.40 J. A. D. Morrison, S. H. Dodwell.
- 9.44 J. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

New Course

- 9.24 A. D. Humphreys, W. G. Adams.
- 9.28 Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Adams.
- 9.32 Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

BOXING DAY

Old Course

- 9.10 G. E. R. Divett, H. J. D. Lowe.
- 9.20 J. H. McKie, C. P. Tamworth.
- 9.24 N. D. Lyle, C. D. Collin.
- 9.28 R. H. Gregory, D. Humphreys.
- 9.32 S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison.
- 9.36 M. Nick, A. Nicol.
- 9.40 J. H. McKie, J. H. Geary.
- 9.44 F. M. Bryden, F. Geldard.
- 9.48 G. Baldwin, G. McGinnis.
- 9.52 F. Buckle, W. M. Barton.
- 9.56 C. D. N. Walker, G. T. Harrington.
- 10.00 H. F. Sommers, J. W. Mayhew.
- 10.04 W. W. C. Sheehan, J. Forbes.
- 10.08 T. C. Monaghan, J. W. Mayhew.
- 10.12 D. Weller, D. Hughes.
- 10.16 J. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
- 10.20 G. Riddell, C. R. S. Harrison.

New Course

- 9.24 A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
- 9.28 J. B. Stewart, Miss Weller.
- 9.32 Mrs. Monaghan, Miss Corrigan.
- 9.36 Mrs. M. Thompson, A. Bremner.
- 9.40 Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
- 9.44 Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, Col. Matthews.
- 9.48 Mrs. Steele Perkins, J. Steele Perkins.

TUESDAY

Old Course

- 9.10 G. M. Park, T. F. R. Waters.
- 9.20 A. V. Greaves, A. Murdoch.
- 9.24 B. Mackie, A. M. Mack.
- 9.28 F. Greaves, J. Stenerson.
- 9.32 C. D. N. Walker, R. G. Gray.
- 9.36 R. H. Gregory, D. Humphreys.
- 9.40 H. H. Mundy, W. A. Stewart.
- 9.44 C. H. Shailer, H. L. Carson.
- 9.48 J. D. Morrison, S. H. Dodwell.
- 9.52 S. T. Butlin, T. Low.
- 9.56 K. S. Robertson, J. H. Geary.
- 10.00 H. F. Sommers, J. W. Mayhew.
- 10.04 W. J. S. Key, J. Forbes.
- 10.08 L. M. Wylie, J. L. C. Pearce.
- 10.12 H. K. Valentine, W. M. Barton.
- 10.16 G. S. Archibult, D. A. Weatherbe.
- 10.20 J. S. Dunnett, L. C. F. Bellamy.
- 10.24 A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfarlane.
- 10.28 J. Riddell, C. R. S. Harrison.
- 10.32 J. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
- 10.36 B. S. Church, G. McGinnis.
- 10.40 L. Jackson, J. G. Campbell.
- 10.44 H. N. Williamson, W. J. Dyer.
- 10.48 J. Hart Davis, C. Coulton.

New Course

- 9.24 A. D. Humphreys, W. G. Adams.
- 9.28 A. R. and Mrs. Gordon.
- 9.32 Col. and Mrs. Mathew.
- 9.36 Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

girls of the C.B.A. squads will take

The two lines will be evenly matched and in order to make the game more difficult for the men taking part, they will be forced to play left-handed through-out. At noon, the draw will take place at the club premises of a race for motor-car which has been conducted in order to raise funds for the club. All those who have bought tickets are requested to come to the club.

ENGINEERS' CRICKET RIVALRY

40th Company Beat 22nd Company

In a cricket match played at Soekunpo yesterday, the 40th (F) Coy., R.E., defeated the 22nd (F) Coy., R.E., by 48 runs.

Scores:

40th COMPANY, R.E.

- 1st. Land, c. Ratcliffe, b. Baker 23
- 2nd. Goodwin, b. Baker 10
- 3rd. Carpenter, b. Baker 10
- 4th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 5th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 6th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 7th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 8th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 9th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 10th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10

Extras

22nd COMPANY, R.E.

- 1st. Shaw, c. Buckle, b. Denyer 13
- 2nd. Major Baker, b. Goodwin 10
- 3rd. Ratcliffe, b. Goodwin 10
- 4th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 5th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 6th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 7th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 8th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 9th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10
- 10th. Denyer, c. Milestone, b. Baker 10

Extras

Chung Wah Easily Beat St. Andrew's

Badminton League Tie Decided

Chung Wah scored an easy victory over St. Andrew's "B" in the "B" Division of the Badminton League last evening, winning by nine games to nil. Scores:

P. C. Leung and S. C. Lung (Chung Wah) beat S. A. Broadbridge and L. Gibson 21-3; beat W. Knox and K. Seyer 21-3; beat J. Tomlinson and W. Pitcher 21-0.

C. F. Chiu and P. F. Choy (Chung Wah) beat Broadbridge and Gibson 21-17; beat Knox and Seyer 21-5; beat Tomlinson and Pitcher 21-2.

W. H. Choy and F. F. Li (Chung Wah) beat Broadbridge and Gibson 21-0; beat Knox and Seyer 21-0; beat Tomlinson and Pitcher 21-0.

Christmas Relief Work In China

London, Dec. 22. According to the Daily Telegraph's Washington correspondent, a similar plan to that arranged for Spain is also being carried out by the Red Cross for relief of suffering in China. Reuter.

Army And Club To Meet Again

Second Round Of Rugger Tournay

The second round of the annual Rugby Football Triangular Tournament between the Army, Navy and Club will commence on Saturday when the Club plays the Army on the Club ground at Happy Valley. The game will commence at 4 p.m., and will be refereed by Lt. Cmdr. Linton.

His Excellency the Governor has stated that he will watch the match. In the first round of this tournament the Club had an easy win over the Army after an opening period of twenty minutes when it looked anybody's game. The Army then lost their scrum-half and a forward through injury and later another member of the pack was hurt and became practically a passenger. Thus, playing against virtually twelve men, the club were able to score freely in the second half and eventually won by 28 points to 3 points.

It is hoped that the Army will be more fortunate next Saturday, and that the close game which was promised at the out-set of the first match will this time materialise. The Army will be all out to avoid the wooden spoon for this year's tournament as they have yet to register a win. Spectators should see a close and lively game.

Prior to the Triangular Tournament match the Club "A" XV will play a Navy side. This match will commence at 2.45 p.m. and will be refereed by Dr. J. A. R. Selby.

Army and Navy sides have already been published. The Club sides have been selected as follows:— 1st. XV, W. M. MacGraith, G. K. Chadwick, H. D. Bidwell (Captain), W. E. Grieve, D. H. Stewart, F. Cessford, J. R. Henderson, K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, A. J. G. Taylor, E. C. Luscombe, W. E. Peers, H. W. E. Heath, W. B. Richardson, and J. Redman.

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A.R.P. Examinations In Hongkong

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that as a result of the A.R.P. Wardens Examination held on the 10th and 11th December, 1938, the undermentioned passed as Air Raid Wardens:

Mr. J. A. Bendall, Mrs. G. Steele-Perkins, Mr. A. Howard, Mr. W. Clark, Mr. G. Frost, Mr. L. Bones, Mr. H. W. Leyden.

The following qualified as Air Raid Wardens:

Mr. R. Kirkwood, Mr. W. V. Field, Mr. K. W. Pedersen.

Premier Going To Chequers

London, Dec. 22. The Prime Minister is leaving London to-morrow for Chequers, where he will spend Christmas with members of his family. He will remain there until after the New Year when he goes north to stay with friends before breaking his holiday on January 10 to visit Rome with the Foreign Secretary at the invitation of Signor Mussolini. British Wireless.

Japan Meets Claim For Church Damage

Peking, Dec. 23. A sum of 7,000 yen was paid on Tuesday by the Japanese military authorities to the Italian Church at Kalfeng, capital of Honan Province, on the Lunghai Railway, for damage done to the church by a bomb dropped by a Japanese airplane in June this year. Do not.

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"Dinna worry yerself!" said Sandy, "you're no' gaun the start noo."

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OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Of Human Hearts" (King's Theatre, to-day).—An honest, sincere and moving film. Though somewhat spoiled by a melodramatic ending, the story of a stern frontier pastor, his self-sacrificing wife and their strong-willed son who forgets gratitude in his selfish ambition benefits tremendously by Clarence Brown's fine direction and the performances of Beulah Bondi, Walter Huston, James Stewart, Gene Reynolds, Gene Lockhart, Charles Coburn and Charley Grapewin.

"White Banners" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Sentimental inspirational drama which takes on a certain nobility through the excellent performances of its principal characters. Fay Bainter is the serving woman who enters a household on a cold winter morning and remains to become a firm counsellor and a strong defence against adversity when it arrives. The climax comes after the master of the house, a poor professor, has been his "icebox" in-

vention stolen and is persuaded by the servant that by not fighting he will turn defeat into victory. Miss Bainter is outstanding, and others in the cast lend excellent support. Claude Rains, Kay Johnson, Jackie Cooper, Bonita Granville, Henry O'Neill and James Stephenson are the supporters.

"Non-Stop New York" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Gaumont's prophetic picture of trans-Atlantic passenger service. A fast-moving film, well-directed and well-acted. Anna Lee, English "Glamour Girl," shares honours with John Loder.

"The Crowd Rouses" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Robert Taylor as a prize-fighter. This should remove the last doubt about his virility. But this prize-fighter is no plug-ugly. He is a gentleman who reads H. G. Wells and likes him. Mr. Taylor here falls in love with the daughter (Maureen O'Sullivan) of a gambler who has bought his contract. An exciting melodrama is worked out before the final reunion. Edward Arnold, Frank Morgan, William Garagan, Lionel Stander, Nat Pendleton.

"Rich Man, Poor Girl" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A third filming of the good old Cinderella play called "White Collars," telling how the wealthy man helped the poor family and married the daughter. Robert Young, Lew Ayres and Ruth Hussey, has been his "icebox" in-

CHOOSE A SMALL BIRD AND COOK IT THIS WAY

SELECTION is extremely important with any kind of poultry, but to-day the housewife's task is made considerably easier, as birds are carefully graded in all the big shops.

Staleness in turkeys or chickens shown very little until they are actually on your plate.

Fine Skin

Choose birds of fine skin—the colour is not so important as the fineness of the pores. Although white-skinned birds are supposed to be more tender, with good cooking a yellow-skinned bird can come to the mouth as tender as a peach.

Turkey is best eaten hot—cold turkey having a tendency to taste rather like tough mutton. Don't then, buy too large a bird. It's usually safe to allow two to three pounds of waste in reckoning your size of bird—an eight-pound turkey for six people, a ten-pound turkey for seven or eight people, and so on.

The best possible way to cook both turkey and chicken is in a covered aluminium baking dish with ventilator top. You are then saved all basting troubles, and need not touch the bird until half an hour before serving, when you dish or open the ventilator wide.

Wipe your bird over with a clean cloth wrung out in warm water. Use small, neat wooden skewers to fasten up the stuffing, and be rather extravagant with the butter you use for basting.

On this important occasion you should allow yourself from ¼ to ½ lb. of butter in which to cook the bird. Melt the butter in a small saucepan and pour it over the bird just before it goes in the oven. If you wish a crisp skin to the bird lightly before pouring on the butter. Cook slowly in a moderate oven, increasing the heat for the browning process of the last half-hour. All 15 minutes' cooking per pound of bird, plus the extra half-hour at the end.

Stuffings

WHAT you stuff your birds with is entirely a question of your individual palate. A chestnut stuffing is excellent with either

turkey or chicken at this time of year.

For this allow one pound of chestnuts to a good-sized bird, and boil them thoroughly in their skins first. Then plunge into cold water and leave for ten minutes. By that time the skins should come off quite easily, including the brown, fibrous underskin.

Pound the chestnuts very finely. Blend the nuts with a little butter and either cream or eggs. Add salt, pepper, and a tiny pinch of mustard to flavour, and fill the bird tightly.

Your Christmas beef should be ten days old; then it will be in really perfect condition. Wing rib and loin are the most popular joints. The flesh should be bright red. If it is at all purple it is stale, and if it is a very pale red it will be tough.

Wipe the joint over with a wet cloth and then flour thoroughly with flour in which you have mixed salt and pepper in your dredger.

Cook in a deep dish with a good sized knob of butter on top as well as any beef dripping you may have. Baste all joints frequently unless you are using a cover.

Serve with butter pudding and at least two vegetables.

Watch Your Windows

MANY modern houses have such delightful broad window-sills that they deserve to be well dressed. Window-sills lend a great deal of character to a room if the housewife has taste and ingenuity.

In a house seen recently every room possessed its window ledge and each was differently dressed to suit the individual need of the room.

The lounge, for instance—a large blue room overlooking a busy street, and therefore having net curtains right across the windows—had a tall cream vase in the centre of the sill filled with delphiniums to match the colour scheme, flanked by a pair of aqua vases of a pale shade of blue, each filled with a small posy of pink and blue flowers. The effect was pleasing against the mistiness of the net curtains.

Books, by the way, should be put on window ledges where they do not show from outside. Placed in uncurtained windows with only the

I'M GOING to be MARRIED

on New Year's Eve

"SUCH a rush I've had." The manageress of a dressmaking establishment said to me—whilst I was being fitted for a new dress.

"I'm going to be married on New Year's Eve. We've got the house, what about you giving a hand with the furnishing?" she whispered in her best wheedling voice.

"Right," I said, "that's easy. You'll spend the afternoon at the Woman's Fair with me. Everything you want you will find there under one roof."

"But mind," I said, as later on we went into the shop. "No fun and games this afternoon. You can come back later with your young man and enjoy the fun of the fair, but to-day it's serious business."

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"As you are going to continue your business for a time you want a house that will practically run itself, and there will be no better servant than electricity." In the Pavilion devoted to electrical equipment we found all that was worth while in stoves and lighting, heating and labour-saving.

"Wait a minute for colour schemes," I said. "First you want help about the workshop of the house, so let's absorb some of the details in the model health and cleanliness kitchen."

We then looked round for the newest ideas in labour-saving. One of the nicest things about modern times and

edges of the volumes seen from outside, they do not look their best.

In the kitchen, where the colour scheme is green and white, a white window sill with a tubby green vase kept filled with the cottage garden type of flower looks effective.

A dining-room recently seen had one of those delightful flower rings holding short-stemmed flowers on its broad sill, and on each of the smaller sides—it was a big window—a small one to match filled with a similar colour scheme of flowers.

Windows are so prominent a part of any room that it pays to make them attractive. If taste and simplicity are the keynote.

P. M.

Janet Jay with a Bride-to-Be at Woman's Fair



We've already signed the agreement for the house.

The modern kitchen is that "Black Monday" need not exist any more.

Given the proper washing equipment, you can get through the week's laundry, sheets and all, in double quick time and have it ironed and out of the way by Tuesday.

The first thing I noticed about the new Hotpoint electric cabinet washing machine is that the enamelled top is just the right height to use as an extra table, and beautifully cool for mending. So the washing machine is a useful piece of furniture and does not waste floor space.

Opened up, the cabinet reveals an efficient washing machine which is as easy to use as a vacuum cleaner. The wringer, which stows away in a cupboard in the base of the cabinet, adjusts its tension automatically to the material going through, and the soft upper roller is kind to buttons and press studs.

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THE bowl itself is octagonal; a new idea to ensure maximum agitation of the soapy water and thorough washing of every kind of material.

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The carpet nozzle of the Goblin "Clean Sweep" cylinder cleaner, I noticed, has an agitator device for picking up cottons.

The price complete, by the way, is six and a half guineas.

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SO many people have spoiled floors with rugs that I made a special note of a new automatic polisher on another stand. You can use this with a long handle for floors or a short one for furniture.

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"CARPETS," exclaimed my dressmaker friend. "I need guidance about these."

"There's four object lesson," I said, as we gazed at a lovely range of self-coloured ones on The Times Furnishing stand. "Self-colours you have agreed upon right through the house, except in the dining-room—where a well-covered pattern helps to obliterate footmarks round the table and stains from spills by the sideboard."

"Fawn beige is the fashionable underfoot colour at the moment. You can have a pinky tone or a yellow one, according to your scheme."

"A man needs feeding," she said. "Let's go up to the food gallery."

We lingered here sampling tit-bits both sweet and savoury. They all tasted so fresh and good, which set me thinking that it was time to start ordering extra supplies for Christmas. Soup is a grand standby for all times, and on the Heinz stand we found the full range of cream and meat soups.

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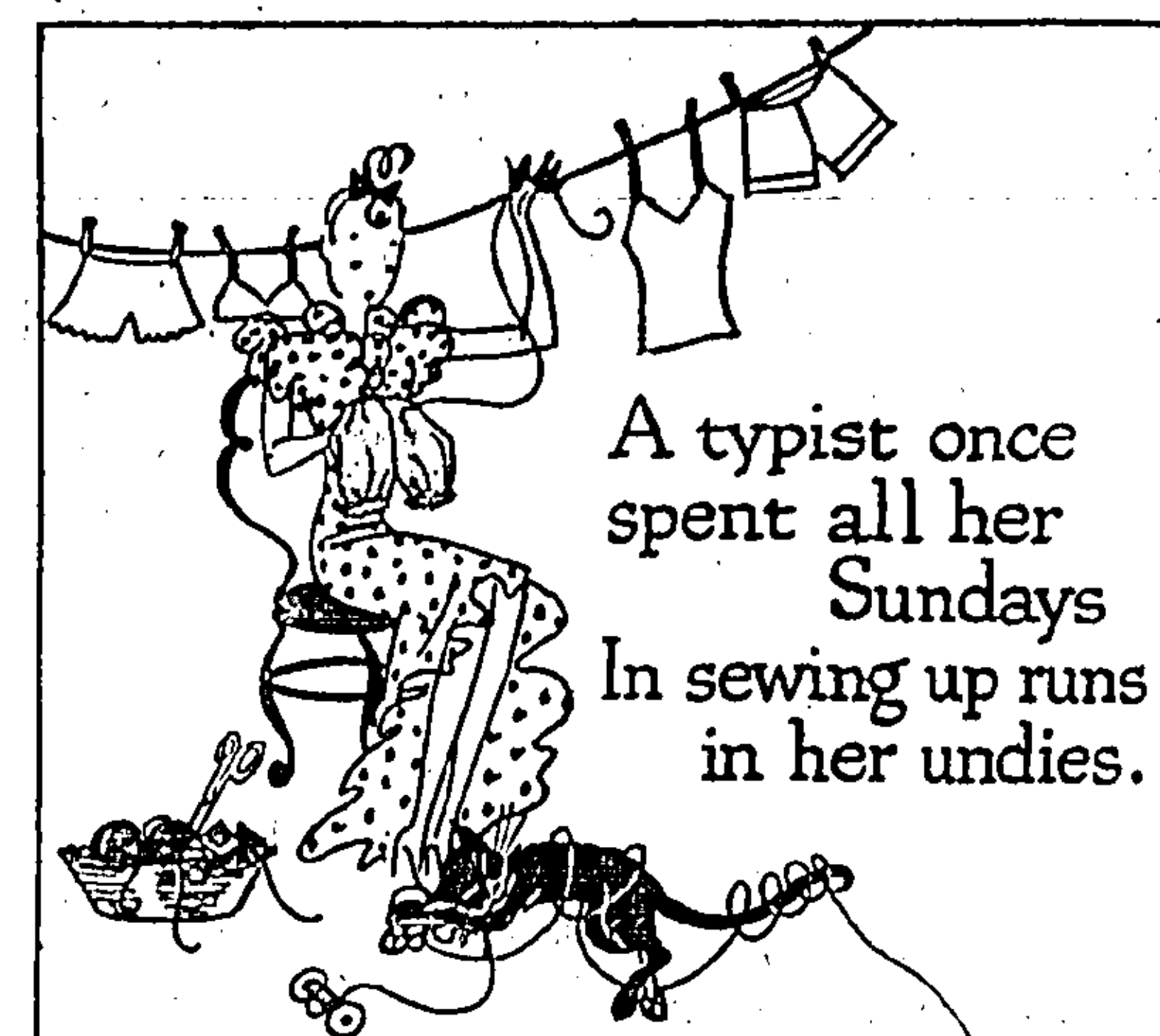
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CUSTOMS TARIFFS

Drastic Restrictions In North China

Shanghai, Dec. 22. Reports are freely circulating in usually well-informed circles in Tientsin, according to a report from that city, that a number of changes in Customs tariffs for North China are at present under consideration.

It is understood that last month the Peiping Provisional Government authorities drew up a list of items the importation of which it was proposed to restrict drastically. The list is said to comprise 99 numbered sections, including all luxuries.

The German Chamber of Commerce reports that it has obtained an advance list which, it is stated, would later be made available to other importers.

The authorities in close touch with the Provisional Government denied the reports "when they were first circulated, and since the announcement of the American credit loan to the Chinese Government and the reported impending British loan, reports of a revision of the Customs tariffs have begun to circulate with greater persistency. Rumours go as far as to suggest that there will be a prohibition on the import of all but Japanese goods into North China.

Revenue Increases None of these reports or rumours can be confirmed, but it is the general impression here that the final intentions of the Provisional Government have not yet crystallised. Imports into Tientsin have increased heavily during recent months and Customs revenue has rocketed. The increases are generally believed to indicate, firstly, that goods are again reaching consumers in the interior, secondly, that importers increased their stocks owing to fears of extreme restrictions against imports, and, thirdly, uncertainty over the currency situation resulted in goods being hoarded in preference to cash.—Reuter.

A Trans-China message from Shanghai says the Japanese authorities there profess complete ignorance of the matter. The Customs authorities state that officially they have received no information to that effect and that no definite ban has been imposed so far but they add that they are aware that import restrictions are to be tightened up considerably in the near future.

Japanese Report

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

Confirmation of reports that a revision of Customs tariff in North China might be expected in the near future was given by the Japanese news agency Domei to-day. It states that revision of the present tariff is one of the questions to be discussed at a meeting of representatives of both the Reformed and Provisional Governments which opened in Peiping to-day. Other questions to be discussed include regulation of raw cotton exports, postal administration, consolidated tax system, exportation of raw materials and control of trade.

The adhesion of the federated Mongolian Autonomous Government and the recently formed Canton Peace Maintenance Commission to the joint commission of the two Governments will also come up for discussion, it is understood. The Nanking delegation includes Ling Chung-chih, Wen Taung-yao, Chen Chun and Hsia Chi-feng, and the Provisional Government delegates are Wang Keh-min, Wang I-tang and Chu Shen.—Reuter.

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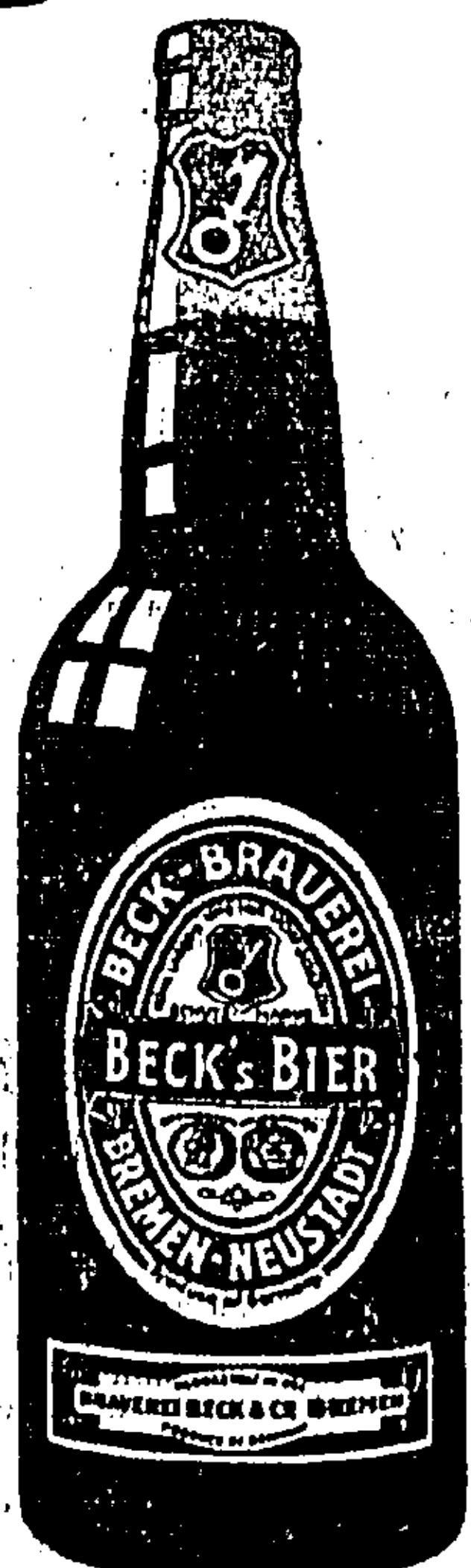
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PHOTO NEWS



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An enjoyable Christmas dinner party for service men was recently given by the Ladies Committee of the Cheero Club when the above photograph was taken.—King's Studio.



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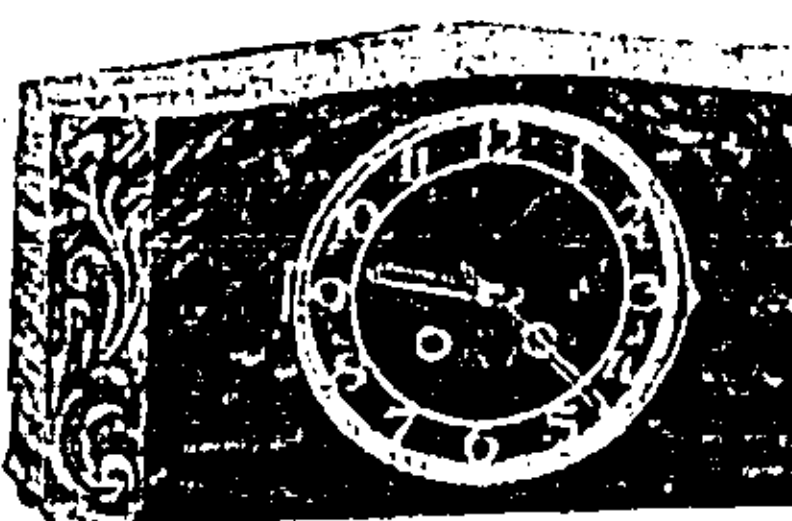
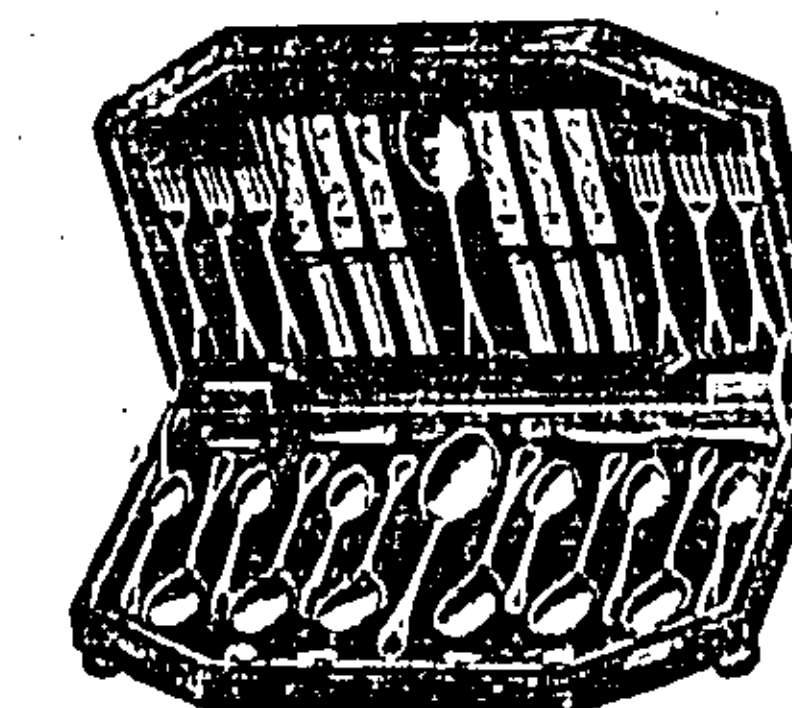
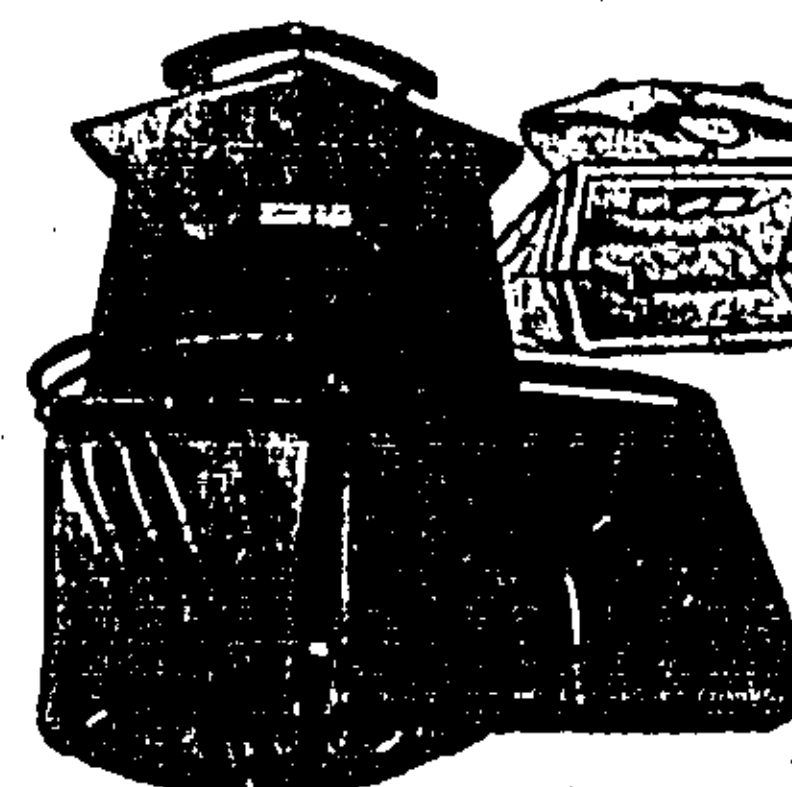
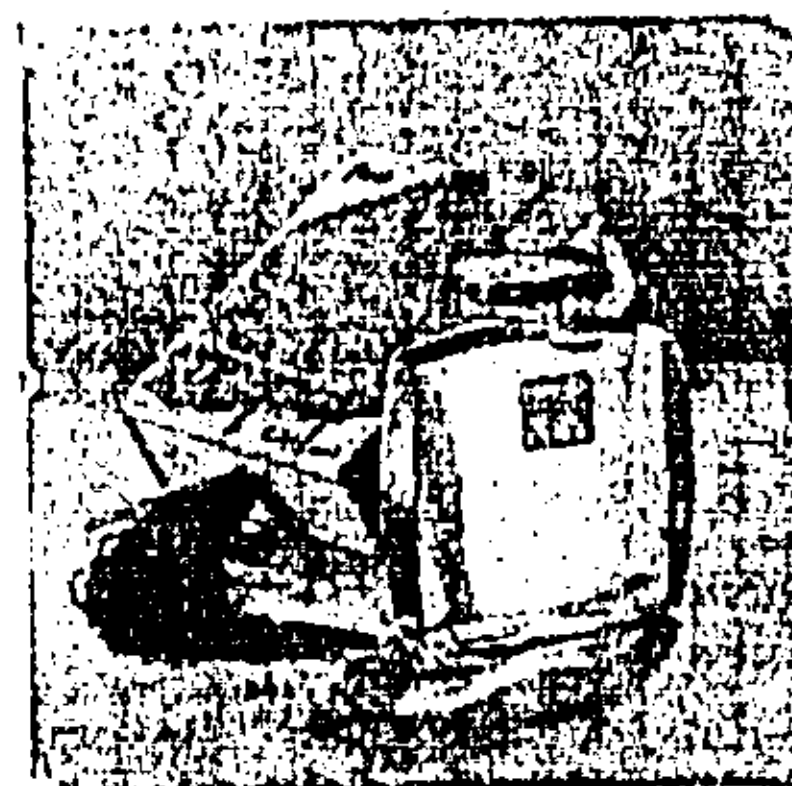
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AIR RAIDS PRECAUTIONS

Opposition Questions Measures

LONDON, Dec. 22.
THE ADVANTAGES of the measures advocated by Sir John Anderson with regard to national defence and air raid precautions in the House of Commons yesterday, were called into question to-day on the motion for the adjournment.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab.) ground shelters made of reinforced concrete. One advantage of underground tunnels was that they serve the streets with tunnels 45 feet deep, in peace time as a solution of London's traffic problem. Sir John Anderson thought that made to use concrete instead of steel deep tunnels did not provide a sheet, which had created enormous sufficient quick means of shelter, casualties in Barcelona. The provision of concrete shelters, he had now adopted a system of under-

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China Approaching 1939 With Confidence

LONDON, Dec. 22.
"CHINA APPROACHES the new year with confidence, based not only on the impregnable position of the National Government, our leader, and the valour of the Chinese people, but by virtue of increased international readiness to help China," said Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, in an interview to-day.

The reasons for supporting China become daily more formidable through Japanese depredations of British interests, added the Ambassador. The United States, by granting China credit and borrowing facilities underlined the spirit of financial co-operation, saying that this may well be only the beginning.

"I am gratified by the many indications, even definite steps, that Britain, with still more vital interests at stake than the United States, is now fully aroused to the menacing realities. Japan has over-reached herself so conspicuously that even the most hesitant British business interests realise that only by China's triumph can the legitimate Western interests survive in the Far East."

"Now at this Christmas season, every Chinese feels heartened and happier by this development, added to the constant British benefactions for Chinese sufferers in the devastated areas."

I am confident that the new year will mark a turn of the tide in China's favour.—Reuter.

JAPAN MAY RECALL AMBASSADOR

Resentment At Soviet Attitude On Fisheries

TOKYO, Dec. 22.
JAPANESE RESENTMENT about the lack of conciliation on the Soviet side regarding renewal of the fisheries agreement is so strong that the recall of the Japanese Ambassador from Moscow, in case the negotiations fail completely, is believed not to be out of the question.

The "Kokumin Shinbun" claims that such a measure is being considered in Government quarters in order to stress the importance which Japan attributes to the protection of its fishing rights.

Ambassador Togo, following a conference between Premier Prince Kooye and other Ministers to-day, received a new set of instructions for immediate discussion with M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Minister.—Trans-Ocean.

Representation On Suez Canal Board

LONDON, Dec. 22.
The present national representation on the board of the Suez Canal Company is: French 19, British 10, Egyptian 2, Dutch 1, said the Secretary to the Treasury, Captain Euan Wallace, when questioned in the House of Commons to-day.

This representation compared with the previous Board comprising 20 Frenchmen, ten British, one Dutch and one German.—Reuter Special.

Goebbels Suffering With Influenza

Berlin, Dec. 22.
The Reich Minister of Propaganda, Dr. Josef Goebbels, is suffering from acute intestinal influenza, and will be confined to his bed for several days, it was announced here this evening.

He will therefore be unable to speak at the large Christmas festival planned for Friday evening, and will, instead, be represented by the Reich Commissioner for Winter Relief, Herr Hilgenfeldt.—Trans-Ocean.

Home Of 'Turn Again' Whittington Destroyed

LONDON, Dec. 22.
MANOR GOSSWOLD, the residence of Sir Alan Anderson, M.P. for the City of London, was almost completely destroyed by fire to-day.

For centuries it was the home of the descendants of Dick Whittington.

The flames spread so quickly that Lady Anderson, who was trapped in her bedroom, only escaped by lowering herself from the bathroom window by a rope of knotted towels.

The Cheltenham fire brigade had a desperate struggle to reach the scene of the fire through a blinding snowstorm, and had to be three times cut out of snow-drifts.—Reuter Special.

Chamberlain's Visit To Italian Capital

Rome, Dec. 22.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain's visit to Rome will be followed by a journey by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano to Belgrade, it is stated in diplomatic circles here.

It has already been announced that the trip of the Hungarian Foreign Minister to Rome will not take place until Count Ciano returns from Belgrade.

The Italian press has been stressing for some days past the desir-

Agreement No Longer Valid, Say Italians

PARIS, Dec. 22.
IT WAS STATED to-day that the Italian Government informed the French Ambassador to Rome some days ago that it regards the Franco-Italian agreement of January 7, 1935 as no longer valid, because it is no longer responding to the requirements of the situation.

It may be recalled that the agreement in question, which was concluded on behalf of the French Government by ex-Premier Laval on a visit to Rome, was intended to settle various problems outstanding between the two countries, including that of Tunis.

Exchange of the ratifications of the treaty have never taken place, and the view was recently expressed in Italian circles that the agreement therefore had no legal existence.

The opposite view, however, has been held by the French Government. The attitude which France will now adopt is not yet known, but official circles here believe that the French Government will take its stand on the terms of the memorandum addressed by it to the Italian Government in April, 1938, which is said to have stressed the French Government's readiness to settle all outstanding differences between the two countries.

The well-known French political writer, "Portinax," affirms in his paper "Ordre," that the memorandum also emphasised the standpoint of the French Government that concessions made to Italy, particularly with regard to Tunis by the 1935 agreement, must be considered as the extreme limits of concessions to which France was prepared to go.—Trans-Ocean.

ability of closer relations between Budapest and Belgrade, and it is generally assumed that the visits of the two Foreign Ministers will be devoted largely to the realisation of this aim.—Trans-Ocean.

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